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In the Contents page numbers of series containing seasonally adjusted indicators are marked with asterisks.

Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

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Most of the original and all of the seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

POPULATION AND VITAL

POPULATION (a)
('000 persons)

As at 30 June	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1973	4,793.4	3,628.4	1,987.3	1,217.9	1,089.8	395.7	99.7	168.1	13,880.4
1974	4,839.4	3,676.8	2,046.1	1,236.2	1,117.4	399.3	104.4	179.6	13,599.1
1975	4,884.5	3,719.1	2,084.0	1,252.1	1,146.7	404.7	108.9	190.9	13,771.4
1976 (c)	4,914.3	3,746.0	2,111.7	1,261.6	1,169.8	407.4	101.4	203.3	13,915.5
1977	4,956.7	3,782.3	2,136.8	1,276.8	1,197.1	410.6	105.5	208.2	14,074.1
1978 p	5,011.6	3,818.7	2,166.7	1,287.6	1,222.1	413.7	112.3	215.9	14,248.5

(a) Revised. See NOTE at the bottom of this page. (b) Decrease due to the effect of Cyclone "Tracy" on Darwin population. (c) Census result adjusted for underenumeration.

MEAN POPULATION (a)
('000 persons)

Calendar Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1972	4,747.4	3,577.3	1,933.4	1,202.2	1,070.7	392.4	96.4	157.4	13,177.2
1973	4,793.3	3,627.4	1,988.9	1,218.3	1,090.6	395.8	99.8	168.2	13,382.3
1974	4,841.3	3,676.5	2,044.0	1,235.6	1,117.7	399.6	104.6	178.9	13,598.2
1975	4,885.3	3,718.6	2,084.7	1,252.8	1,146.9	404.5	90.3	191.0	13,774.1
1976	4,913.9	3,747.5	2,110.7	1,261.9	1,170.3	407.5	101.7	203.2	13,916.8
1977	4,956.6	3,782.0	2,137.0	1,276.7	1,197.0	410.6	106.4	208.8	14,075.1
<i>Financial year</i>									
1972-73	4,771.4	3,603.4	1,961.2	1,210.0	1,080.4	394.0	98.1	162.9	13,281.2
1973-74	4,816.4	3,651.4	2,017.3	1,226.7	1,103.4	397.3	102.1	173.6	13,488.2
1974-75	4,865.9	3,700.3	2,066.3	1,245.1	1,133.1	402.1	98.5	184.4	13,695.7
1975-76	4,898.2	3,732.6	2,098.6	1,256.5	1,158.2	406.2	97.8	198.3	13,846.2
1976-77	4,933.5	3,764.4	2,122.8	1,268.8	1,183.3	409.1	103.8	206.1	13,991.8
1977-78 p	4,981.3	3,800.0	2,152.8	1,283.3	1,210.4	412.1	109.5	212.0	14,161.4

(a) See NOTE below. For the method of calculation see *Population and Vital Statistics* (3212.0) June quarter 1977.

VITAL AND POPULATION STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA

Period	Marriage registrations	Birth registrations	Death registrations	Components of population growth			Population at end of period ('000)
				Natural increase (a)	Net migration (b)	Total increase (c) ('000)	
Year ended 30 June							
1976	103,919	231,135	110,610	120,525	-21,231	144.1	(d)13,915.5
1977	111,690	226,954	111,490	115,464	-43,138	158.6	14,074.1
1978 p	102,242	226,354	108,171	118,183	-56,137	174.4	14,248.5
1976-77							
Dec. qtr	30,996	55,118	26,208	28,910	-15,815	44.7	13,991.2
Mar. qtr	29,914	57,012	25,355	31,657	13,167	44.8	14,036.0
June qtr	26,861	57,638	26,504	31,134	6,924	38.1	14,074.1
1977-78							
Sept. qtr	20,372	58,075	31,118	26,957	-12,459	39.4	14,113.5
Dec. qtr	27,771	53,566	25,813	27,753	-22,228	50.0	14,163.5
Mar. qtr	27,934	54,963	23,948	31,015	-13,788	44.8	14,208.3
June qtr p	26,165	59,750	27,292	32,458	-17,662	40.2	14,248.5

(a) Excess of births registered over deaths registered. (b) Excess of recorded overseas arrivals over recorded overseas departures, excluding short term (less than one year) movement. Minus sign (-) denotes an excess of departures over arrivals. (c) Increase consists of natural increase, net migration and adjustment in the light of census results. (d) Census result adjusted for underenumeration.

NOTE: Population estimates shown above for dates prior to 30 June 1976 incorporate revisions following the completion of an examination of evidence for underenumeration in the 1971 and 1976 Censuses. An explanation of the basis for these revised estimates is given in *Population and Vital Statistics* (3212.0) for the June quarter 1977.

OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

ARRIVALS

Period	Short-term movement						Excess of arrivals over departures			
	Permanent movement	Long-term movement		Overseas visitors arriving		Total arrivals	Permanent and long-term departures	Total		
		Australian residents returning	Overseas residents arriving	Australian residents returning	Number recorded				Seasonally adjusted	
1975-76	52,748	60,224	21,687	5,71,728	529,656	1,596,040	21,229	20,259		
1976-77	70,916	59,193	26,134	963,129	540,394	1,660,366	43,139	56,347		
1977-78	73,171	57,312	28,944	989,723	580,886	1,728,435	56,130	56,864		
1976-77										
June	5,259	3,284	1,321	60,833	31,690	108,981	139,832	1,801	16,876	
1977-78										
July	6,028	4,645	2,079	77,297	40,832	48,616	131,312	153,140	4,121	3,845
Aug.	4,361	4,064	2,136	88,765	42,763	43,863	140,196	137,343	2,935	14,496
Sept.	5,670	4,454	2,184	117,081	37,471	46,299	166,861	177,092	5,403	57,598
Oct.	6,900	4,934	1,905	90,928	45,875	45,173	150,542	135,363	6,952	37,360
Nov.	5,951	5,278	1,830	74,420	65,095	55,729	152,574	157,234	6,580	36,706
Dec.	8,969	9,300	1,791	83,014	74,026	48,183	147,101	142,809	8,696	38,072
Jan.	6,283	5,407	3,760	143,192	49,898	46,946	208,540	137,668	4,920	50,639
Feb.	5,665	4,071	3,337	69,770	51,883	49,044	134,727	138,691	4,837	11,362
Mar.	6,084	4,020	2,821	60,701	54,978	51,078	128,604	141,120	4,030	9,838
Apr.	5,395	3,430	2,198	62,858	41,877	46,339	115,758	150,656	2,770	29,055
May	5,973	3,609	2,030	83,008	41,569	48,568	135,989	148,968	2,287	29,191
June	5,386	3,506	1,973	70,489	34,813	50,726	116,161	150,495	3,104	19,995
July p	5,802	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	141,819	163,222	n.s.a.	5,786

DEPARTURES

Period	Short-term movement								
	Permanent movement		Long-term movement		Australian residents departing			Total departures	
	Former settlers departing	Other residents departing	Australian residents departing	Overseas visitors departing	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	Overseas visitors departing	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted
1975-76	17,150	10,277	64,475	21,528	951,290	—	511,062	1,575,781	—
1976-77	15,447	9,141	68,792	19,724	965,659	—	525,256	1,604,019	—
1977-78	13,972	9,124	60,100	19,195	1,004,932	—	564,251	1,671,571	—
1976-77									
June	1,173	679	5,391	1,420	85,410	83,634	31,791	125,864	137,770
1977-78									
July	1,283	702	5,086	1,561	84,368	88,162	34,537	127,537	149,574
Aug.	1,280	702	5,216	1,534	103,360	83,149	42,600	154,692	136,255
Sept.	1,018	632	4,113	1,142	62,972	80,967	39,386	109,263	134,440
Oct.	1,071	628	3,865	1,228	65,540	86,578	40,857	113,183	135,902
Nov.	918	555	3,507	1,500	59,195	81,475	50,194	115,868	136,069
Dec.	1,381	781	5,630	3,572	128,008	75,965	45,800	185,173	132,641
Jan.	941	835	7,001	1,753	74,417	78,390	72,954	157,900	134,813
Feb.	886	654	5,212	1,484	57,084	88,299	58,044	123,364	146,543
Mar.	1,154	672	5,657	1,412	75,589	74,548	53,959	138,442	134,148
Apr.	1,368	1,079	5,141	1,165	88,281	84,118	47,780	144,813	140,568
May	1,466	1,100	5,213	1,544	111,096	94,325	44,760	165,180	145,468
June	1,206	789	4,459	1,300	95,022	91,317	33,380	136,156	148,622
July p.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	136,033	155,796

NOTE: Minus sign (-) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER (a), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Month	Employed (a)	Unemployed (a)		Total '000	Labour force (a)	Not in labour force (a)	Civilian population aged 15 years and over (a)	Unemploy- ment rate (b)	Participa- tion rate (c)
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
		per cent							
MALES									
1977 Aug.	3,866.8	168.5	21.6	190.1	4,056.9	1,024.9	5,081.8	4.7	79.8
Nov.	3,867.3	165.1	18.0	183.1	4,050.4	1,055.7	5,106.1	4.8	79.3
1978 Aug.	3,832.6	206.9	14.2	221.2	4,053.8	1,125.0	5,178.8	5.8	78.3
Sept.	3,840.9	204.7	13.4	218.1	4,059.0	1,126.9	5,186.0	5.4	78.3
Oct.	3,854.7	194.0	13.9	207.9	4,062.7	1,128.5	5,191.1	5.1	78.3
Nov.	3,846.1	191.0	15.0	206.4	4,052.4	1,147.5	5,199.9	5.1	77.9
MARRIED WOMEN									
1977 Aug.	1,374.5	42.0	34.7	76.8	1,451.2	1,953.5	3,404.7	5.1	42.6
Nov.	1,368.9	34.4	33.4	67.7	1,436.6	1,963.7	3,400.3	4.7	42.3
1978 Aug.	1,359.4	46.9	30.3	77.2	1,436.6	1,978.2	3,414.8	5.4	42.1
Sept.	1,358.9	40.5	29.9	70.4	1,429.3	1,979.2	3,408.5	4.9	41.9
Oct.	1,368.7	38.7	28.2	66.9	1,435.6	1,971.3	3,406.9	4.7	42.1
Nov.	1,373.4	34.9	28.5	63.4	1,436.8	1,983.6	3,420.4	4.4	42.0
ALL FEMALES									
1977 Aug.	2,128.6	114.8	54.4	169.2	2,297.8	2,904.3	5,202.1	7.4	44.2
Nov.	2,128.2	112.4	51.4	163.7	2,291.9	2,935.3	5,227.2	7.1	43.8
1978 Aug.	2,136.8	125.1	48.7	173.8	2,310.6	2,997.2	5,307.8	7.5	43.5
Sept.	2,144.1	120.1	46.3	166.4	2,310.5	3,003.4	5,313.9	7.2	43.5
Oct.	2,151.9	111.9	47.7	159.6	2,311.5	3,007.6	5,319.0	6.9	43.5
Nov.	2,151.2	117.9	45.5	163.2	2,314.6	3,014.5	5,329.1	7.1	43.4
PERSONS									
1977 Aug.	5,995.4	283.3	76.0	359.3	6,354.7	3,929.2	10,283.9	5.7	61.8
Nov.	5,995.4	277.4	69.4	346.8	6,342.2	3,991.0	10,333.2	5.5	61.4
1978 Aug.	5,969.4	332.1	62.9	395.0	6,364.4	4,122.2	10,486.6	6.2	60.7
Sept.	5,985.1	324.8	59.7	384.5	6,369.6	4,130.3	10,499.9	6.0	60.7
Oct.	6,006.6	305.9	61.6	367.5	6,374.1	4,136.1	10,510.2	5.8	60.6
Nov.	5,997.3	308.8	60.9	369.7	6,367.0	4,162.0	10,529.1	5.8	60.5

(a) The estimates relate to all persons aged 15 years and over, except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, non-Australian holidaying in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces in Australia. For definitions see explanatory notes in *The Labour Force* (6203.0). (b) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (c) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: AUSTRALIA (a) ('000)

(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	Total civilian employees						Private Government			
	Males			Females			Private		Government	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)		Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)		Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)
1974 Oct.	3,044.1	3,052.7	1,718.0	1,714.1	4,762.1	4,766.8	3,406.9	3,406.4	1,355.2	1,360.4
1975 Oct.	3,008.1	3,015.7	1,724.4	1,720.4	4,733.5	4,736.1	3,308.0	3,306.3	1,425.5	1,429.8
1976 Oct.	2,987.6	2,994.3	1,744.6	1,749.1	4,732.2	4,733.4	3,297.6	3,295.3	1,434.6	1,438.1
1977 Jul.										
Sept. (c)	2,955.3	2,961.9	1,756.8	1,754.6	4,712.1	4,716.5	3,241.3	3,245.3	1,470.8	1,471.2
Oct. (c)	2,954.4	2,960.9	1,762.5	1,756.6	4,716.9	4,717.5	3,241.9	3,239.2	1,475.0	1,478.3
Nov.	2,959.0	2,963.4	1,770.1	1,760.1	4,729.7	4,723.5	3,251.9	3,240.6	1,477.8	1,482.9
Dec.	2,960.3	2,966.3	1,763.5	1,769.3	4,723.7	4,735.6	3,251.9	3,248.1	1,471.8	1,487.5
Jan.	2,954.6	2,966.2	1,748.0	1,773.5	4,702.6	4,739.7	3,226.1	3,245.9	1,476.5	1,493.8
Feb.	2,962.6	2,961.9	1,761.9	1,766.7	4,724.6	4,728.6	3,233.7	3,238.0	1,490.8	1,490.6
Mar.	2,959.6	2,952.4	1,764.3	1,760.6	4,724.0	4,713.0	3,229.5	3,223.7	1,494.4	1,489.3
Apr.	2,956.0	2,948.9	1,767.1	1,761.5	4,723.1	4,710.4	3,225.2	3,218.8	1,497.9	1,491.6
May	2,951.9	2,940.3	1,768.0	1,768.7	4,719.9	4,709.0	3,221.4	3,214.8	1,498.5	1,489.7
June	(c)2,943.8	(c)2,933.9	1,769.6	1,766.9	(c)4,713.4	(c)4,700.8	(c)3,214.9	(c)3,211.3	1,498.5	1,489.5
1978 Jul.										
July	2,939.6	2,937.8	1,772.2	1,776.5	4,711.8	4,708.2	3,211.4	3,215.9	1,500.4	1,492.3
Aug.	2,945.7	2,939.5	1,772.0	1,772.0	4,707.7	4,711.5	3,208.1	3,215.9	1,499.6	1,495.6
Sept.	2,934.9	2,941.4	1,774.5	1,772.1	4,709.4	4,713.5	3,210.9	3,214.8	1,498.5	1,498.7
Oct.	2,936.6	2,942.9	1,783.3	1,777.2	4,719.9	4,720.1	3,220.9	3,218.1	1,499.0	1,502.0

(a) The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1971 population census and other relevant sources. For the period subsequent to the census the employment data are obtained from three main sources, namely (i) current payroll tax returns, (ii) current returns from Government bodies, and (iii) some other current returns of employment (e.g. for hospitals); the balance, i.e. unrecorded employment, is estimated. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked with the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. At June 1971 recorded employment obtained from the foregoing sources accounted for about 90 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered, as determined by the census. The estimates shown are based on the Australian Standard Industrial Classification. For further details on these series see *Employment and Unemployment* (6213.0) published monthly. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators*, 1978 (1308.0). (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA: INDUSTRY (a) ('000)
(d) including defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic services

Month	Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Transport and storage	Finance, real estate and business services	Public administration and defence (b)	Community services	Entertainment, recreation, hotels and personal services (c)	Other industries (d)	Total
MALES										
1974 Oct.	939.2	179.8	849.8	220.3	199.1	145.0	256.3	105.9	248.9	3,044.1
1975 Oct.	890.4	168.4	849.0	216.4	196.4	154.9	270.6	111.5	250.4	3,008.1
1976 Oct.	882.6	145.1	857.0	213.1	196.1	152.1	281.3	111.2	249.1	2,987.6
1977-78										
Sept.	(e)855.9	336.3	850.7	211.0	196.0	152.9	293.0	110.9	(e)248.6	(e)2,955.3
Oct.	(e)853.5	336.0	850.2	211.1	195.3	152.9	293.5	111.0	250.8	(e)2,954.4
Nov.	854.0	335.9	852.2	213.2	194.9	153.0	293.8	111.7	250.6	2,959.6
Dec.	849.9	334.8	854.2	214.8	195.8	153.0	292.8	112.8	251.9	2,960.3
Jan.	848.8	333.0	850.9	212.2	196.0	153.7	295.5	112.4	252.1	2,954.6
Feb.	852.4	336.9	849.6	211.2	196.6	153.8	298.3	113.5	252.3	2,962.6
Mar.	850.3	336.3	849.3	210.7	196.6	153.9	299.3	113.4	251.8	2,959.6
Apr.	847.6	336.0	848.1	210.4	196.4	154.0	300.7	113.5	251.4	2,956.0
May	844.7	335.9	847.5	210.1	196.6	154.1	301.2	113.0	250.9	2,951.9
June	841.3	334.4	846.5	209.6	196.2	154.4	301.9	110.7	(e)248.6	(e)2,943.8
1978-79										
July	839.7	332.0	844.0	209.6	196.0	154.4	302.0	110.9	250.9	2,939.6
Aug.	837.0	329.9	843.9	209.6	195.6	154.8	302.4	111.7	250.8	2,935.7
Sept.	836.6	329.4	844.5	209.2	195.4	154.9	302.6	111.4	250.9	2,934.9
Oct.	840.6	327.7	845.2	209.0	195.1	154.6	302.8	110.7	250.8	2,936.6
FEMALES										
1974 Oct.	343.9	18.4	414.6	37.0	181.4	78.2	435.9	163.3	45.3	1,718.0
1975 Oct.	315.2	18.1	411.9	36.2	180.6	90.9	462.6	164.2	45.6	1,725.4
1976 Oct.	304.7	18.4	414.7	36.4	185.0	91.2	486.0	163.0	45.2	1,744.6
1977-78										
Sept.	289.2	17.9	414.4	37.1	187.6	94.8	508.6	161.8	45.4	(e)1,756.8
Oct.	289.2	18.0	417.2	37.3	187.8	94.7	510.2	162.6	45.5	1,762.5
Nov.	290.2	17.9	421.9	37.4	187.4	95.0	511.5	163.3	45.6	1,770.1
Dec.	286.4	18.0	425.7	37.4	188.0	95.2	503.4	163.0	46.3	1,763.5
Jan.	283.9	18.0	413.4	37.0	187.8	95.2	504.1	162.4	46.2	1,748.0
Feb.	286.2	18.0	415.2	37.1	188.5	95.9	513.5	161.6	45.9	1,761.9
Mar.	285.3	18.0	414.2	37.0	188.9	96.2	517.3	161.1	46.4	1,764.3
Apr.	283.2	18.1	416.9	36.9	188.9	96.5	519.5	161.8	46.2	1,768.1
May	283.0	18.0	417.9	37.2	189.0	96.3	520.1	161.4	46.5	1,769.2
June	282.2	18.1	419.3	37.1	189.0	96.8	521.7	160.8	46.1	1,771.0
1978-79										
July	282.0	18.2	417.6	37.1	188.9	97.9	523.5	160.6	46.4	1,772.2
Aug.	282.5	18.1	416.0	37.1	188.8	97.3	524.2	161.4	46.6	1,772.0
Sept.	283.7	18.0	417.4	37.3	188.6	97.9	523.2	161.5	46.8	1,774.5
Oct.	286.2	18.0	422.2	37.5	189.1	97.6	523.5	162.0	47.1	1,783.3
PERSONS										
1974 Oct.	1,283.1	398.2	964.1	257.3	380.5	223.2	692.2	269.3	294.3	4,762.1
1975 Oct.	1,205.6	386.5	960.9	252.6	377.0	245.8	733.2	275.7	296.2	4,733.4
1976 Oct.	1,187.3	363.5	971.7	249.6	381.0	243.3	767.3	274.2	294.2	4,732.3
1977-78										
Sept.	(e)1,145.1	354.2	965.1	248.1	383.6	247.6	801.6	272.7	(e)294.0	(e)4,712.1
Oct.	(e)1,142.7	354.0	967.6	248.3	383.1	247.7	803.7	273.6	296.0	(e)4,716.9
Nov.	1,144.2	353.8	974.4	250.6	382.3	247.9	805.3	274.9	296.1	4,729.7
Dec.	1,136.4	352.8	980.1	252.1	383.8	248.2	796.1	275.9	298.3	4,723.7
Jan.	1,132.7	350.9	964.3	249.2	383.9	248.9	799.6	274.7	298.4	4,702.6
Feb.	1,138.6	354.9	964.7	248.3	385.1	249.7	811.7	273.1	298.5	4,724.6
Mar.	1,135.6	354.3	963.5	247.6	385.6	250.1	816.5	272.5	298.2	4,724.0
Apr.	1,130.9	354.1	965.0	247.3	385.3	250.5	820.2	273.3	297.5	4,724.1
May	1,127.7	353.9	965.3	247.3	385.6	250.4	821.3	272.4	297.3	4,721.1
June	1,123.6	352.5	965.8	246.8	385.2	251.2	823.5	271.5	(e)294.8	(e)4,714.9
1978-79										
July	1,121.7	350.2	961.6	246.7	384.9	252.2	825.9	271.5	297.4	4,711.8
Aug.	1,119.4	348.0	959.8	246.8	384.3	252.1	826.6	273.1	297.7	4,705.7
Sept.	1,120.2	347.4	961.9	246.5	384.0	252.8	825.8	272.9	297.9	4,709.1
Oct.	1,126.7	345.7	967.4	246.5	384.3	252.3	826.3	272.8	297.9	4,719.9

(a) See footnote (a) on page 4. (b) Excludes permanent defence forces. (c) Excludes private households employing staff. (d) Includes forestry, fishing and hunting; mining; electricity, gas and water, and communication. (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: STATES (a) (2000)

(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	S.W.	Que.	Old	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.Z.	V.I.	Australia
MALES									
1974 Oct.	1,111.2	836.6	412.0	276.7	242.7	88.8	27.8	48.6	3,044.1
1975 Oct.	1,084.8	825.2	410.2	274.5	246.8	89.6	25.0	52.0	3,008.1
1976 Oct.	1,065.8	822.4	409.5	277.6	249.0	88.2	24.6	50.4	2,987.6
1977-78									
Sept.	1,054.2	81807.0	407.6	271.6	253.3	87.8	24.6	50.2	6,02,955.3
Oct.	1,054.8	81807.3	406.0	271.4	253.7	87.4	23.5	50.1	6,02,954.4
Nov.	1,056.3	811.1	403.7	272.0	255.0	87.9	23.2	50.4	2,959.6
Dec.	1,057.8	814.9	398.4	272.5	254.7	88.4	23.2	50.4	2,960.3
Jan.	1,055.2	814.7	396.7	271.2	254.8	88.3	23.2	50.4	2,954.6
Feb.	1,060.1	815.3	398.2	271.2	255.9	88.3	23.1	50.7	2,962.6
Mar.	1,059.7	813.5	398.8	269.8	256.1	88.1	23.0	50.5	2,959.6
Apr.	1,058.6	810.5	399.9	269.2	255.9	87.7	23.2	50.8	2,956.0
May	1,058.8	808.7	400.4	267.5	254.8	87.8	23.3	50.7	2,951.9
June	1,057.1	805.7	409.8	266.0	253.5	87.7	23.5	50.4	6,02,943.8
1978-79									
July	1,055.6	803.6	400.7	265.3	252.9	87.5	23.5	50.4	6,02,939.6
Aug.	1,052.8	801.9	402.2	264.4	253.3	87.2	23.8	50.1	2,935.7
Sept.	1,053.5	800.3	402.8	263.9	253.5	87.3	23.6	49.9	2,934.9
Oct.	1,055.2	802.7	401.2	263.6	253.1	87.3	23.7	49.8	2,936.6
FEMALES									
1974 Oct.	635.3	493.1	209.3	158.9	132.2	43.7	13.6	31.8	1,718.0
1975 Oct.	627.3	494.1	213.1	161.7	134.6	46.3	12.5	35.9	1,725.4
1976 Oct.	626.1	496.7	217.7	158.5	140.3	47.7	12.7	35.1	1,744.6
1977-78									
Sept.	627.2	6,0497.9	221.0	168.4	145.2	48.8	13.1	36.1	6,01,756.8
Oct.	629.8	498.6	221.1	168.8	146.2	48.8	13.0	36.2	1,762.5
Nov.	632.0	500.7	220.9	171.1	147.0	49.3	13.0	36.1	1,770.1
Dec.	630.3	502.4	218.4	169.2	144.8	49.3	13.1	36.0	1,763.5
Jan.	619.5	500.3	218.3	167.0	144.8	49.3	13.0	35.9	1,748.0
Feb.	626.6	501.5	219.1	169.8	146.5	49.4	13.0	36.1	1,761.9
Mar.	627.5	501.3	218.8	169.9	148.0	49.5	13.1	36.1	1,764.3
Apr.	627.3	502.3	220.7	169.7	148.7	49.6	13.2	36.6	1,768.1
May	629.1	501.6	221.4	168.7	148.6	49.5	13.4	36.8	1,769.2
June	629.9	501.8	222.0	168.5	149.1	49.5	13.5	36.8	1,771.0
1978-79									
July	6,0630.4	500.5	222.7	169.7	149.2	49.3	13.5	36.9	6,01,772.2
Aug.	630.4	499.4	223.3	169.8	149.9	49.3	13.5	36.5	1,772.0
Sept.	632.7	501.3	223.4	168.5	149.2	49.2	13.6	36.7	1,774.5
Oct.	636.8	502.8	224.0	169.0	150.6	49.4	13.7	37.1	1,783.3
PERSONS									
1974 Oct.	1,746.5	1,329.7	621.3	435.6	374.8	132.5	41.3	80.4	4,762.1
1975 Oct.	1,712.0	1,319.3	624.2	436.2	381.5	135.9	37.5	87.9	4,733.5
1976 Oct.	1,691.9	1,319.1	627.2	446.1	389.2	135.9	37.2	85.5	4,732.2
1977-78									
Sept.	1,681.4	6,01,304.0	628.6	439.9	398.5	136.6	36.8	86.3	6,04,712.1
Oct.	1,684.6	6,01,305.9	627.1	440.2	400.0	136.7	36.6	86.1	6,04,716.9
Nov.	1,688.3	1,311.8	624.6	443.2	402.0	137.2	36.2	86.5	4,729.7
Dec.	1,688.1	1,317.4	616.8	441.7	399.5	137.7	36.3	86.4	4,723.7
Jan.	1,674.7	1,315.0	615.1	438.2	399.6	137.6	36.2	86.3	4,702.6
Feb.	1,686.7	1,316.7	617.3	441.0	402.4	137.7	36.1	86.7	4,724.6
Mar.	1,687.2	1,314.9	617.6	439.7	404.2	137.6	36.1	86.6	4,724.0
Apr.	1,685.8	1,312.8	620.6	439.0	404.7	137.3	36.5	87.5	4,724.1
May	1,687.9	1,310.3	621.8	436.2	403.5	137.5	36.7	87.5	4,721.1
June	1,687.2	1,307.5	6,0621.8	434.4	402.6	137.3	36.9	87.2	6,04,714.9
1978-79									
July	6,01,686.0	1,304.1	623.3	435.1	402.2	136.8	36.9	87.2	6,04,711.8
Aug.	1,683.3	1,301.3	625.5	434.2	403.1	136.5	37.1	86.6	4,707.7
Sept.	1,686.2	1,301.7	626.1	432.5	402.7	136.5	37.2	86.0	4,709.4
Oct.	1,692.0	1,305.5	625.2	432.6	403.7	136.6	37.4	86.9	4,719.9

(a) See footnote (a) on page 4. (b) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Youth Affairs)

Australia										
Month or	N.S.W. and C.T.	Tas.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Males	Females	Persons
1974 Dec.	100,263	75,017	40,935	21,119	21,630	7,340	694	169,220	97,778	266,998
1975 Dec.	130,080	85,136	49,902	27,296	24,268	10,241	1,782	218,873	109,832	328,705
1976 Dec.	138,779	88,266	49,202	28,070	23,978	10,198	2,041	218,807	108,727	327,534
1977-78										
Nov.	138,502	87,508	57,618	32,350	27,334	9,857	3,788	240,408	116,549	356,957
Dec.	154,694	99,286	65,716	36,832	30,964	12,621	3,972	270,109	133,976	404,085
Jan.	170,815	106,372	74,484	41,205	35,236	12,807	4,381	295,090	150,210	445,300
Feb.	163,036	103,370	71,957	39,896	35,571	12,879	4,547	281,848	149,408	431,256
Mar.	154,427	98,051	68,665	39,190	33,364	12,651	4,246	268,362	141,632	409,994
Apr.	149,979	97,425	65,523	40,227	33,433	11,680	4,267	265,180	137,354	402,534
May	144,942	94,839	62,796	40,455	32,728	11,999	4,404	261,755	130,408	392,163
June	144,101	95,172	63,181	40,491	34,443	11,944	4,510	265,232	128,610	393,842
1978-79										
July	143,588	95,149	61,549	41,102	35,669	12,020	4,301	268,230	125,148	393,378
Aug.	140,712	94,959	58,767	42,367	35,008	12,081	4,722	266,395	122,221	388,616
Sept.	136,710	93,689	58,542	42,724	34,172	12,495	4,329	262,255	120,406	382,661
Oct.	136,844	91,714	58,462	42,049	34,287	12,156	4,646	258,291	121,867	380,158
Nov.	143,242	98,513	61,268	42,877	36,110	12,638	4,564	265,293	133,919	399,212
Dec.	162,237	111,489	69,653	47,612	41,145	14,573	4,784	294,598	156,895	451,493

(a) Comprises all persons who were still registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (C.E.S.) at the Friday nearest the end of the month and who claimed when registering that they were not employed, and who were seeking full-time employment, i.e. 35 hours or more per week. They include persons referred to employers but whose employment was still unconfirmed, and persons who had recently obtained employment without notifying the C.E.S. All recipients of unemployment benefit are included.

VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Youth Affairs)

Australia														
Month or		N.S.W. and C.T.	Tas.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Adults		Juniors (c)		Total	
									Season- ally	Original	Season- ally	Original		
									Original	adjusted (b)	Original	adjusted (b)	Original	adjusted (b)
1974	Dec.	19,842	10,921	2,608	2,501	2,686	1,427	320	22,068	26,314	18,237	9,830	40,705	36,144
1975	Dec.	13,882	7,785	2,007	1,763	1,916	1,078	823	17,305	20,567	11,949	6,456	29,254	27,023
1976	Dec.	12,719	7,022	1,778	1,658	2,014	891	462	15,239	18,015	11,305	6,129	26,544	24,144
1977-78														
	Nov.	7,619	6,377	1,740	1,442	1,928	834	316	14,129	15,081	6,127	4,468	20,256	19,549
	Dec.	8,631	5,684	1,569	1,182	1,635	991	271	12,208	14,658	7,755	4,249	19,963	18,907
	Jan.	11,008	7,188	1,025	1,642	1,909	1,033	263	15,474	13,745	9,394	5,580	24,868	19,325
	Feb.	8,371	7,260	1,875	1,661	1,947	911	232	15,589	13,592	6,668	5,447	22,257	19,039
	Mar.	6,963	6,255	2,034	1,501	1,622	882	266	14,030	13,169	5,493	6,568	19,523	19,737
	Apr.	6,809	5,845	1,983	1,450	1,449	771	261	13,045	12,734	5,523	7,596	18,568	20,330
	May	6,611	5,683	2,034	1,290	1,303	727	256	12,923	12,711	4,981	7,461	17,004	20,172
	June	6,383	5,291	2,208	1,234	1,296	613	178	12,463	13,187	4,740	7,896	17,203	21,083
1978-79														
	July	7,102	5,531	2,359	1,086	1,304	688	230	13,113	14,114	5,187	8,334	18,700	22,448
	Aug.	7,693	5,305	1,935	982	1,289	616	255	13,040	13,328	5,015	7,484	18,055	20,812
	Sept.	8,278	5,478	2,183	1,118	1,339	599	187	13,825	13,915	5,357	6,985	19,182	20,900
	Oct.	8,955	6,135	2,180	1,208	1,338	661	237	14,893	14,988	5,821	6,047	20,714	21,035
	Nov.	8,527	5,613	1,905	1,060	1,170	756	283	13,585	14,221	5,729	6,208	19,314	18,429
	Dec.	8,390	4,764	1,583	1,241	955	746	332	11,253	10,898	6,758	4,444	18,011	17,042

(a) Vacancies notified in the C.E.S., which were still unfilled at the Friday nearest the end of the month and which employers claimed could be filled if labour were supplied immediately or within the following month. Vacancies for full time, part time, permanent, temporary, and seasonal positions are included. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1978* (1308.0). (c) Juniors comprise all persons under 21 years of age, including school leavers.

NOTE: Sample surveys were conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in March each year from 1974 to 1978 to obtain information on the level and composition of job vacancies. To reduce to a minimum the delay in collection of data and publication of the results a quarterly telephone survey in respect of vacancies was commenced in May 1977. These surveys were conducted in May, August and November 1977 and in February and May 1978. As part of the measures necessary to bring the activities of the ABS within the resources available to it, the surveys of job vacancies were then terminated. For a number of reasons the estimates obtained from these surveys differ substantially from the number of vacancies registered with the C.E.S. at those dates. For example, the survey estimate of total vacancies at May 1978 was 32,200 while the C.E.S. figure was 17,904. Results of the surveys and reasons why the survey estimates differ from C.E.S. statistics were published in *Job Vacancies, May 1978* (6231.0).

PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

(Source: Department of Social Security)

Date	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld.	S. A. (b)	W. A.	Tas.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1976 July 2	83,361	43,628	26,494	13,148	14,554	7,228	129,768	58,635	188,423
1977 July 29	112,186	54,982	34,340	24,533	19,790	7,978	176,414	77,395	253,809
1978 June 30	104,708	67,632	43,796	34,578	25,620	9,757	203,328	82,763	286,091
1977-78									
Oct. 21	105,277	61,425	33,354	25,732	19,499	8,037	182,162	71,162	253,324
Dec. 2	95,170	60,372	33,709	25,121	16,581	7,179	172,028	66,304	238,332
Dec. 30	105,021	57,626	39,146	28,443	18,777	7,610	185,211	71,012	256,223
Jan. 27	108,165	64,795	39,924	28,540	19,228	9,244	192,871	77,025	269,896
Feb. 24	117,917	69,245	47,732	31,744	22,240	9,577	206,991	91,464	298,455
Mar. 24	109,000	64,693	45,953	31,519	20,293	8,785	192,350	87,893	280,243
Apr. 21	109,856	66,479	43,865	32,577	21,412	9,119	195,981	87,327	283,308
June 2	101,653	65,121	42,102	33,125	21,000	9,383	190,786	81,598	272,384
June 30	104,708	67,632	43,796	34,578	25,620	9,757	203,328	82,763	286,091
July 28	108,288	67,182	42,697	35,351	27,430	9,770	208,432	82,286	290,718
Aug. 25	105,017	65,969	41,263	36,390	26,850	9,935	205,831	79,593	285,424
Sept. 22	103,276	67,744	41,029	37,103	25,284	10,206	206,174	78,468	284,642
Nov. 3	101,246	65,889	40,068	37,109	25,750	9,812	201,747	78,127	279,874
Dec. 1	100,153	66,027	41,106	36,889	25,477	9,639	199,514	79,757	279,291

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

PERSONS RECEIVING SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA

(Source: Department of Social Security)

Date	Sickness	Special	
		Ordinary	Migrant (a)
1976 July 2	30,468	7,224	209
1977 July 29	35,102	9,315	169
1978 June 30	35,168	10,964	1,013
1977-78			
Oct. 21	35,647	9,492	247
Dec. 2	36,980	9,609	551
Dec. 30	31,915	8,912	564
Jan. 27	33,684	9,958	508
Feb. 24	34,670	10,083	540
Mar. 24	32,396	10,014	446
Apr. 21	35,285	10,825	539
June 2	33,748	10,538	914
June 30	35,168	10,964	1,013
July 28	34,801	11,537	542
Aug. 25	35,094	11,649	664
Sept. 22	34,684	11,971	557
Nov. 3	34,247	11,573	563
Dec. 1	35,280	11,634	413

(a) In Australian Government centres or hostels awaiting their first placement in employment in Australia.

INTERNAL TRADE

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES (a) (\$ million)

Commodity groups

Period	Grain and oil	Butchers meat	Other food	Beer, wine and spirits	Clothing and drapery	Footwear	Hardware	Electrical goods	Furniture	Chemicals	Newspapers, books and stationery	Other goods	Total (excl. motor vehicles, etc.)
ORIGINAL													
1975-76	3,156.7	1,114.0	1,857.3	2,534.9	2,925.9	453.3	768.4	1,742.9	1,088.5	1,053.5	686.3	1,663.5	19,045.2
1976-77	3,711.5	1,269.4	2,082.1	2,840.6	3,241.3	508.1	838.2	1,929.9	1,211.3	1,138.1	773.2	1,832.1	21,375.8
1977-78	4,273.4	1,417.9	2,331.1	3,123.7	3,584.2	573.0	959.6	1,888.0	1,294.6	1,232.0	861.2	2,036.3	23,575.0
1976-77													
Mar. qtr	849.8	306.1	514.5	710.8	677.3	112.7	186.4	418.8	267.5	264.0	197.7	416.8	4,974.4
June qtr	964.8	337.9	532.4	699.6	880.6	140.8	194.1	452.1	298.6	282.3	188.2	430.9	5,402.3
1977-78													
Sept. qtr	998.4	343.0	545.4	715.2	825.9	130.9	206.7	447.6	321.4	294.6	194.9	462.1	5,486.1
Dec. qtr	1,127.8	361.4	609.6	860.0	1,019.9	153.5	314.2	553.8	362.2	341.2	247.5	619.7	6,570.8
Mar. qtr	1,041.2	344.1	584.9	739.1	744.2	124.8	214.1	412.1	278.8	287.6	211.7	467.6	5,500.2
June qtr	1,106.0	369.4	591.2	759.4	994.2	163.8	224.6	474.5	332.2	308.6	207.1	486.9	6,017.9

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

1976-77													
Mar. qtr	942.9	321.7	525.9	710.2	819.6	129.7	213.4	473.5	305.9	285.2	196.5	460.6	5,394.8
June qtr	982.0	335.4	542.6	742.6	826.7	134.0	214.3	464.7	306.8	293.9	201.4	469.9	5,513.8
1977-78													
Sept. qtr	1,005.3	337.0	556.0	758.1	857.5	136.2	226.5	461.7	311.5	299.6	206.5	484.5	5,642.8
Dec. qtr	1,053.8	352.9	576.7	771.8	889.9	136.7	239.7	474.5	323.5	301.9	224.4	504.4	5,832.9
Mar. qtr	1,085.5	361.7	590.7	788.3	903.3	144.6	245.9	467.2	322.4	311.8	209.0	518.8	5,959.4
June qtr	1,131.9	365.4	607.5	809.5	932.8	156.2	246.9	484.3	338.4	318.5	219.7	530.2	6,145.7

MONTHLY ESTIMATES

Total (excluding motor vehicles, etc.)			Total (excluding motor vehicles, etc.)		
Period	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Period	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1977-78			1977-78		
Oct.	1,906.9	1,927.7	June	1,985.7	2,041.9
Nov.	2,018.0	1,940.9	1978-79		
Dec.	2,645.9	1,970.1	July p	1,948.0	2,067.0
Jan.	1,786.8	1,951.0	Aug. p	2,059.0	2,090.0
Feb.	1,765.3	1,997.0	Sept. p	2,066.0	2,120.0
Mar.	1,948.1	1,989.8	Oct. p	2,116.0	2,146.0
Apr.	1,911.8	2,024.1	Nov. p	2,248.0	2,138.0
May	2,120.4	2,052.1			

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. Series based on 1973-74 Retail Census. (b) Includes bacon, butter, etc. (c) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (d) Excludes basic building materials, builders' hardware and supplies such as tools of trade, paint, etc. (e) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (f) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., sporting goods, etc., but excludes grain and produce and business machines.

NOTE: 1. For further information see *Retail Sales of Goods* (8503.0) June quarter 1978. Figures from June Quarter 1977 are subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses.

INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES (\$ million)

Period	Amount financed during period (excluding hiring charges, interest, insurance, etc.)			Cash collections and other liquidations of balances during period	Balances outstanding at end of period (including hiring charges, etc.)
	Motor vehicles, etc.	Household and personal goods	Total		
FINANCE COMPANIES					
1977-78 : Aug.	108.0	24.9	132.8	168.2	2,646.2
Sept.	105.5	25.9	131.4	163.6	2,667.7
Oct.	95.2	29.4	124.6	158.7	2,689.3
Nov.	101.4	30.9	132.3	163.9	2,715.0
Dec.	95.2	32.3	127.6	154.6	2,743.2
Jan.	95.5	19.0	114.6	153.8	2,758.8
Feb.	93.5	21.6	115.2	171.8	2,754.1
Mar.	101.0	22.3	123.3	172.6	2,761.1
Apr.	98.0	28.0	122.0	167.0	2,772.4
May	109.6	29.0	138.6	183.4	2,790.1
June	102.0	26.4	128.8	172.4	2,804.0
1978-79 : July	101.0	24.1	125.3	178.1	2,809.2
Aug.	110.7	25.0	135.8	184.1	2,826.2
Sept.	103.4	24.5	127.9	170.0	2,840.4
States, September 1978 —					
N.S.W.	34.8	10.5	45.3	56.5	1,003.9
Vic.	22.6	5.0	27.6	39.6	605.3
Qld	17.0	4.4	21.4	28.6	478.7
S.A.	9.6	1.4	11.0	(a)16.4	(a)268.4
W.A.	11.4	1.6	13.0	17.2	310.9
Tas.	4.6	0.6	5.2	7.1	104.0
N.T.	1.0	0.1	1.1	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.4	0.9	3.3	4.8	69.3
OTHER BUSINESSES					
1977-78 : Aug.	0.1	21.1	21.2	23.4	160.7
Sept.	0.1	19.0	19.1	22.2	159.5
Oct.	—	19.1	19.1	21.8	158.4
Nov.	—	21.9	21.9	22.2	160.0
Dec.	0.1	26.3	26.4	21.4	166.8
Jan.	—	15.3	15.3	21.1	162.7
Feb.	—	15.3	15.3	21.6	158.2
Mar.	—	16.4	16.5	20.4	156.1
Apr.	—	18.3	18.4	20.9	155.4
May	—	19.0	19.0	22.4	153.9
June	—	16.7	16.8	22.4	150.4
1978-79 : July	—	18.4	18.4	21.8	151.2
Aug.	—	17.7	17.7	20.5	148.9
Sept.	—	15.6	15.7	19.5	146.3
States, September 1978 —					
N.S.W.	—	4.2	4.2	5.0	44.4
Vic.	—	5.0	5.0	6.7	45.0
Qld	—	1.8	1.8	2.2	14.5
S.A.	—	2.8	2.8	(a)3.2	(a)26.8
W.A.	—	1.6	1.6	1.9	12.8
Tas.	—	0.3	0.3	0.5	2.8
N.T.	—	—	—	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	—	—	—	—	0.1
ALL BUSINESSES					
1977-78 : Aug.	108.0	46.0	154.0	191.6	2,806.9
Sept.	105.6	44.9	150.5	185.8	2,827.2
Oct.	95.2	48.5	143.7	180.5	2,847.7
Nov.	101.4	52.8	154.2	186.1	2,875.0
Dec.	95.3	58.6	153.9	176.0	2,909.8
Jan.	95.6	34.3	129.9	174.9	2,921.5
Feb.	93.6	36.9	130.5	193.5	2,912.3
Mar.	101.0	38.8	139.8	192.9	2,917.2
Apr.	98.0	42.3	140.4	187.9	2,927.9
May	109.6	48.0	157.6	205.8	2,944.0
June	102.0	43.5	145.5	194.7	2,954.4
1978-79 : July	101.0	42.7	143.7	199.9	2,960.5
Aug.	110.7	42.8	153.5	204.6	2,975.1
Sept.	103.4	40.1	143.6	189.5	2,986.8
States, September 1978 —					
N.S.W.	34.8	14.7	49.5	61.5	1,048.2
Vic.	22.6	10.0	32.6	46.3	650.3
Qld	17.0	6.2	23.2	30.8	493.2
S.A.	9.6	4.2	13.8	(a)10.6	(a)295.2
W.A.	11.4	3.2	14.6	19.0	323.7
Tas.	4.6	0.8	5.4	7.5	106.8
N.T.	1.0	0.1	1.1	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.4	0.9	3.3	4.8	69.4

(a) Includes Northern Territory. (b) Not available separately for publication; included in South Australia.

OVERSEAS TRADE

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY BROAD ECONOMIC CATEGORIES (a)
(S'000)

	Food and Beverages				Fuels and Lubricants								Capital goods (except trans. equip. and parts)	
	Primary		Processed		Primary				Processed				Capital goods (except trans. equip. and parts)	
	Mainly for industries	Mainly for household consumption	Mainly for industries	Mainly for household consumption	Industry/Supplies		Motor spirit	Other	Capital goods	Parts				
					Primary	Processed								
1975-76	51,112	81,613	44,124	159,117	243,684	2,052,321	329,830	93,373	371,224	1,442,631	293,174			
1976-77	129,219	121,218	59,762	224,787	275,652	2,684,463	495,101	136,003	447,560	1,842,835	360,637			
1977-78 p	141,118	140,912	76,183	265,591	321,172	2,831,232	474,174	92,795	571,806	2,093,748	390,828			
1977-78 p														
Oct.	6,848	10,908	9,202	17,325	27,214	247,077	34,279	7,708	62,866	187,623	28,927			
Nov.	7,488	10,117	4,546	24,109	25,258	233,400	39,325	3,940	68,012	180,896	35,913			
Dec.	10,942	13,139	4,025	20,025	18,556	189,399	30,621	6,008	29,624	149,115	26,198			
Jan.	13,460	12,505	6,631	24,964	23,349	258,125	52,492	11,016	73,416	175,093	30,933			
Feb.	10,019	10,582	4,211	23,123	25,751	222,632	29,087	1,580	52,284	161,006	30,141			
Mar.	9,323	11,349	7,851	20,752	25,423	244,799	41,054	11,998	45,115	182,729	36,113			
Apr.	4,463	10,912	9,724	19,401	27,434	226,035	47,420	12,981	41,506	163,637	33,277			
May	11,422	11,435	5,843	25,205	35,057	26,187	43,788	4,619	39,215	195,424	38,331			
June	10,359	9,920	6,192	21,783	30,660	246,824	30,308	4,255	44,236	193,126	33,110			
1978-79 p														
July	14,769	7,948	6,889	23,723	29,234	269,169	49,435	2,103	37,186	166,432	64,866			
Aug.	10,889	8,468	4,886	29,289	25,518	287,243	28,273	8,497	75,509	179,220	78,400			
Sept.	7,670	7,669	6,349	21,390	23,418	238,798	22,027	3,971	38,963	170,250	69,250			
Oct.	11,300	8,367	8,962	34,419	29,567	323,228	25,623	5,112	21,175	209,336	85,436			
Nov.	9,193	9,260	7,329	32,027	29,607	301,010	41,189	2,039	60,569	213,244	86,438			
	Transport Equipment and Parts				Consumer Goods n.e.c.				Total imports of merchandise		Total imports			
	Other								Goods n.e.c.	Total imports of merchandise	Total imports			
	Passenger motor cars (b)	Industrial (b)	Non-industrial	Parts	Durable	Semi-durable	Non-durable	Goods n.e.c.			Original	Seasonally adjusted		
1975-76	219,119	208,903	43,982	790,342	644,685	606,882	302,348	175,274	8,153,709	8,240,594				
1976-77	298,684	324,761	49,217	928,767	766,093	803,764	359,286	124,656	10,332,066	10,410,644				
1977-78 p	290,459	440,956	39,340	845,650	632,645	870,415	422,873	140,316	11,082,180	11,166,752				
1977-78 p														
Oct.	19,458	24,409	2,871	58,057	55,034	65,351	33,881	12,419	913,455	920,888	920,476			
Nov.	20,098	37,882	3,009	69,213	66,426	70,917	34,402	7,861	942,772	950,648	903,949			
Dec.	26,364	32,554	2,834	56,153	46,791	58,378	28,393	8,721	752,441	757,609	800,389			
Jan.	20,145	29,047	3,082	72,069	43,529	79,626	37,034	10,116	977,533	985,698	939,426			
Feb.	11,558	20,711	2,669	65,501	45,944	84,848	21,500	12,400	846,519	854,935	915,232			
Mar.	30,952	35,077	3,516	72,465	47,138	72,474	37,894	16,489	952,214	964,765	988,708			
Apr.	22,101	47,518	3,518	68,404	47,808	61,275	31,384	12,887	891,689	904,009	962,761			
May	23,525	46,698	3,556	84,141	55,497	66,312	41,046	21,122	1,014,081	1,020,274	976,499			
June	32,626	65,884	5,009	78,461	55,679	65,604	37,903	10,725	982,652	988,479	999,203			
1978-79 p														
July	31,958	46,675	11,113	91,011	58,150	72,688	48,009	8,809	1,036,263	1,051,505	1,013,978			
Aug.	25,469	47,067	10,625	90,813	61,834	83,345	49,239	10,095	1,114,689	1,122,584	1,020,175			
Sept.	29,436	39,201	11,181	71,802	56,655	68,554	46,472	7,088	940,166	946,304	1,014,887			
Oct.	21,412	40,160	11,861	99,346	85,364	76,247	58,020	10,111	1,165,048	1,176,407	1,153,739			
Nov.	33,937	46,919	11,155	91,640	81,607	70,122	50,295	10,984	1,188,862	1,201,089	1,135,978			

(a) From July 1978 onwards, the ABS ceased to compile Import statistics by Economic Class. Economic Class statistics have been replaced by import statistics classified according to the nineteen categories of the United Nations' Classification, Broad Economic Categories (B.E.C.).
 (b) Unassembled road motor vehicles are included with parts and accessories of transport equipment.

EXPORT OF MERCHANDISE - PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES
(\$ million)

Period	Meats	Dairy products	Wheat and flour	Dried fruits and processed fruit	Sugar	Coal, coke and briquettes	Ores and concentrates	
							Non-ferrous	Iron
1975-76	667.9	189.5	961.8	96.1	569.9	1,069.8	526.6	271.0
1976-77	684.8	189.1	893.4	98.0	637.5	1,291.5	645.1	901.7
1977-78	1,118.9	187.9	1,033.4	115.3	836.7	1,489.8	1,278.0	920.9
1977-78								
Oct.	92.2	17.1	81.4	6.7	63.6	137.1	119.7	83.7
Nov.	95.9	19.0	107.9	5.9	77.6	133.2	114.3	73.9
Dec.	76.1	18.8	87.8	3.3	49.3	105.6	93.8	76.2
Jan.	79.4	21.0	79.1	6.3	84.2	105.9	111.8	79.0
Feb.	105.8	16.0	95.2	4.8	1.9	139.0	92.6	68.4
Mar.	95.9	16.8	76.0	8.0	18.2	119.7	86.4	66.8
Apr.	102.2	13.0	87.8	10.1	18.3	147.9	91.8	72.6
May	108.4	14.7	106.8	15.3	26.7	127.8	104.0	63.4
June	95.2	14.6	66.2	18.5	33.1	126.8	150.2	82.0
1978-79 p								
July	124.1	15.0	89.9	11.8	40.7	119.8	92.0	88.6
Aug.	115.8	12.6	57.3	18.7	46.0	87.4	114.7	72.3
Sept.	92.7	5.6	47.8	7.6	43.3	109.8	90.8	93.6
Oct.	117.5	15.6	42.2	14.3	91.1	110.4	108.9	84.1
Nov.	133.1	16.8	36.1	8.9	52.7	139.4	149.4	62.2

Period	Road motor vehicles	Wood		Total exports of merchandise	Totals exports	
		Original	Non-ferrous products		Original	Non-ferrous products
1975-76	95.1	961.9	—	9,399.7	966.40	—
1976-77	91.7	1,477.1	—	11,483.9	11,646	—
1977-78	90.9	1,183.1	—	12,049.4	12,270	—
1977-78						
Oct.	7.0	52.8	7.6	953.9	966	979
Nov.	6.0	110.9	115.2	1,100.4	1,119	1,068
Dec.	8.8	131.2	136.3	983.7	1,000	1,030
Jan.	5.0	138.8	105.0	998.3	1,018	1,041
Feb.	5.5	96.6	79.4	943.1	987	1,016
Mar.	5.6	103.7	109.7	939.4	951	1,006
Apr.	6.4	126.7	114.2	1,001.7	1,013	1,028
May	8.4	112.8	110.1	1,022.6	1,042	1,022
June	9.3	106.2	107.1	1,111.1	1,126	1,048
1978-79 p						
July	7.2	118.5	113.6	1,060.3	1,073.4	1,086.2
Aug.	11.7	100.4	98.1	1,021.4	1,032.4	993.2
Sept.	9.6	89.4	83.8	909.5	934.1	937.8
Oct.	12.2	108.7	142.3	1,109.4	1,134.2	1,145.7
Nov.	10.7	146.2	161.7	1,192.1	1,204.1	1,142.5

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES (a)
(£ million)

Period	Meat and meat preparations	Cereal grains and cereal preparations	Sugar, sugar preparations and honey	Other dairy products, meat, etc.	Wood and wood products	Metal ores and scrap	Coal, coke and briquettes	Metals, metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment	Other exports	All exports of merchandise	
										Original	Seasonally adjusted
1975-76	604	1,460	604	471	1,027	1,177	674	1,434	1,335	8,847	...
1976-77	727	1,534	841	526	1,193	1,218	765	1,502	1,412	9,718	...
1977-78	799	1,797	814	460	902	1,208	813	1,648	1,541	9,982	...
1976-77											
June qtr	201	406	124	127	241	315	212	358	357	2,350	2,330
1977-78											
Sept. qtr	202	460	263	109	163	316	197	439	365	2,512	2,431
Dec. qtr	202	461	313	110	226	299	202	417	383	2,613	2,583
Mar. qtr	197	466	131	116	287	281	197	370	371	2,386	2,531
June qtr	198	410	107	125	256	312	217	423	423	2,471	2,444
1978-79 p											
Sept. qtr	218	247	184	98	203	399	171	474	312	2,306	2,230

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES (a)
(£ million)

Period	Food, beverages and tobacco	Fuels	Raw materials	Chemicals (incl. plastics)	Textiles, fabrics, etc.	Metals, metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment	Other imports	All imports of merchandise	
								Original	Seasonally adjusted
1975-76 (b)	330	680	407	667	526	3,160	1,558	7,326	...
1976-77	379	763	442	795	545	3,514	1,747	8,185	...
1977-78	369	798	427	831	516	3,100	1,669	7,709	...
1976-77									
June qtr	88	195	110	205	130	895	403	2,026	2,087
1977-78									
Sept. qtr	96	190	113	196	131	807	434	1,968	1,892
Dec. qtr	83	191	99	197	123	752	391	1,836	1,834
Mar. qtr	96	226	101	225	126	726	438	1,938	1,964
June qtr	94	190	114	213	136	815	406	1,968	2,026
1978-79 p									
Sept. qtr	89	186	117	219	144	842	460	2,057	1,976

(a) Estimates of Exports and Imports of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices were presented for the first time in Catalogue No. 5421.0 of 11 August 1978. These estimates replace the previously published series based on average 1966-67 prices. (b) Prior to September quarter 1976, the recorded value of imports was the higher of actual selling price or current domestic value in the country of export. Since then a system of valuation based on the Brussels Definition of Value has been used. It has been estimated that if the previous basis of valuation had continued, the current price values of total imports would have been about 2% higher than the recorded values on the new basis. The estimates at average 1966-67 prices would be affected to a much lesser degree.

PRICES AND WAGES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index has been compiled for periods from September quarter 1948. The composition of groups and the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction of the ninth Consumer Price Index series as from September quarter 1976. A description of the index is contained in the booklet "A guide to Consumer Price Index".

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted)

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operations	Transport- ation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (a)	Recreation (b)	All groups
1975-76	180.2	201.0	221.1	178.3	203.8	211.1	151.5	..	193.3
1976-77	201.2	232.5	251.8	196.3	221.9	239.8	265.8	109.1	220.0
1977-78	223.2	257.4	274.6	212.6	240.1	240.0	318.3	113.4	241.0
1977-78									
Sept. qtr	217.4	248.2	266.7	206.4	232.3	236.0	307.1	110.1	234.1
Dec. qtr	222.1	256.5	273.2	211.7	239.2	239.2	311.0	112.6	239.6
Mar. qtr	223.5	259.3	276.9	213.8	243.0	241.9	317.8	114.9	242.7
June qtr	229.8	265.6	281.7	218.3	245.9	242.8	337.3	116.0	247.7
1978-79									
Sept. qtr	236.6	269.0	285.2	221.1	251.2	245.3	350.2	117.6	252.5
Dec. qtr	244.0	274.8	290.5	224.2	259.7	287.5	381.9	119.5	258.2

(a) Base: December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (b) Base: September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Weighted average of seven capital cities
1975-76	193.3	199.0	189.5	190.9	190.5	189.6	190.0	187.3	193.3
1976-77	220.0	223.4	216.6	218.0	220.1	219.4	217.7	212.9	219.9
1977-78	241.0	243.2	238.2	238.4	241.8	243.1	239.1	232.3	240.9
1977-78									
Sept. qtr	234.1	236.0	231.6	231.3	235.6	234.9	232.0	224.8	233.9
Dec. qtr	239.6	241.8	236.6	236.3	241.0	242.5	238.1	231.9	239.5
Mar. qtr	242.7	245.1	239.2	240.6	243.1	245.3	240.8	234.2	242.5
June qtr	247.7	249.8	245.2	245.2	247.6	249.8	245.5	238.1	247.6
1978-79									
Sept. qtr	252.5	255.0	249.6	249.8	252.6	254.7	249.3	242.7	252.4
Dec. qtr	258.2	261.6	253.9	257.6	256.9	260.8	254.5	248.2	258.0

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) GROUP INDEX NUMBERS

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

Period	Manufactured materials (imported) (b)								
	Metal manu- factures, components, for trans- port equip- ment and machinery			Other materials (imported and home produced) (c)			Total imported materials	Total home produced materials	All groups
	Chemicals		(Other manu- factured materials (b))	Food, live animals and tobacco	Crude materials (excl. fuels)	Electricity, gas and fuels			
Value weight (%)	6.67	3.21	5.76	45.87	20.65	15.83	27.16	72.84	100.00
1975-76	149.4	179.8	148.4	132.5	163.0	229.0	202.9	142.0	158.6
1976-77	160.3	211.6	164.5	154.9	191.7	254.8	233.2	163.2	182.2
1977-78	170.7	246.6	185.1	166.6	199.4	290.6	257.0	176.8	198.6
1977-78 -									
Sept.	169.2	237.0	182.8	160.6	198.2	292.4	255.9	172.4	195.1
Oct.	168.4	238.1	183.7	156.1	200.2	293.6	255.7	170.5	193.7
Nov.	168.6	240.8	183.2	152.4	197.6	292.9	255.4	167.6	191.4
Dec.	169.9	241.8	184.1	159.0	198.1	291.2	255.1	171.9	194.5
Jan.	170.0	252.8	185.1	162.5	200.1	294.7	256.8	175.7	197.7
Feb.	172.7	253.5	185.4	170.1	200.4	294.3	257.9	180.3	201.4
Mar.	174.0	254.1	187.6	168.4	199.5	294.0	258.6	179.0	200.7
Apr.	173.6	255.5	188.2	173.7	200.9	296.1	259.5	183.0	203.8
May	172.7	257.9	189.1	174.3	202.6	297.5	260.0	184.2	204.8
June	172.5	259.7	191.2	190.9	203.9	294.5	259.7	194.7	212.4
1978-79									
July	173.9	263.5	191.8	197.6	204.8	303.8	261.0	201.2	217.4
Aug.	175.0	267.9	192.4	198.4	206.8	319.3	262.4	207.7	222.6
Sept. p	175.8	268.8	193.8	201.9	210.3	352.9	263.6	215.9	228.8
Oct. p	176.0	268.0	194.1	204.2	214.3	355.1	263.8	218.8	231.1

(a) The index is on a net basis and relates in concept only to materials that enter Australian manufacturing industry from other sectors of the Australian economy or from overseas. (b) Excluding the manufactured imported crude materials listed in footnote (c). (c) Includes imported fuel oil and the following manufactured imported crude materials: synthetic rubber, hardwood, softwood, woodpulp, synthetic fibre, vegetable oils.

PRICE INDEXES OF ARTICLES PRODUCED BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) DIVISION AND SUB-DIVISION INDEX NUMBERS

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

Period	Net sub-division indexes (c)												
	All Manuf- acturing Industry Index (b)	Food, beverages and tobacco (21-22)	Textiles (23)	Clothing and footwear (24)	Wood, wood products and furniture (25)	Paper, paper products and printing (26)	Chemical, petroleum and coal products (27)	Glass, clay and other non- metallic mineral products (28)	Basic metal products (29)	Fabricated metal products (31)	Transport equip- ment (32)	Other industrial machinery and equip- ment and house- hold appliances (33)	Miscell- aneous manu- facturing products (34)
1975-76	177.8	163.5	159.7	185.2	219.9	196.3	168.2	183.2	174.0	217.1	175.8	179.2	159.0
1976-77	196.9	180.0	178.6	208.1	246.8	212.8	182.4	202.5	200.6	244.9	195.0	199.4	176.0
1977-78	213.8	195.6	193.3	225.2	264.0	231.7	200.7	219.8	213.9	268.7	211.6	215.3	192.4
1977-78													
Oct.	210.9	191.8	192.6	224.0	261.6	228.4	200.1	215.8	211.5	264.4	208.0	211.4	189.1
Nov.	211.6	191.3	193.3	224.3	262.5	230.2	200.4	218.4	214.2	266.6	208.7	212.7	190.9
Dec.	212.4	192.0	193.1	224.3	262.7	231.1	200.6	218.8	215.3	268.3	210.6	214.5	191.6
Jan.	213.8	194.1	193.7	224.9	263.0	233.3	202.5	221.4	215.3	269.1	211.4	216.5	192.1
Feb.	215.6	197.1	193.7	227.3	263.6	236.5	203.3	222.6	214.4	270.0	213.8	217.4	193.3
Mar.	217.1	199.2	194.3	228.4	265.0	236.8	204.8	223.8	214.9	274.1	214.1	218.4	195.9
Apr.	218.8	201.7	194.7	228.7	267.7	237.9	206.6	225.3	215.4	274.9	217.8	219.5	196.9
May	220.0	204.5	195.7	229.3	270.1	238.6	206.4	226.1	216.6	276.3	218.9	220.2	197.2
June	221.6	206.8	196.8	230.6	271.0	239.0	207.0	227.1	219.6	278.1	219.9	221.9	197.8
1978-79													
July	223.3	208.9	198.4	233.5	271.5	239.3	207.7	227.1	220.0	279.0	222.2	223.2	199.0
Aug.	224.3	208.3	199.4	235.3	272.5	239.9	209.9	227.3	221.6	281.3	223.5	224.9	200.3
Sept.	227.0	211.2	200.1	235.6	273.8	241.9	213.5	226.1	223.3	282.0	224.5	225.6	201.0
Oct. p	229.7	214.8	202.5	236.6	275.1	242.4	217.2	230.0	225.6	282.5	226.4	227.0	201.9
Nov. p	231.5	216.6	202.8	236.6	275.5	243.4	230.5	232.0	227.4	283.1	228.0	229.4	203.9

(a) For a full description of Division C, 'Manufacturing' and the selected sub-divisions see Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), Preliminary Edition, 1969. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division. (c) These indexes are on a 'net sub-division' basis. ASIC sub-division codes are shown in brackets at the head of the columns.

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

(Base Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1975-76	211.1	200.1	218.5	222.5	201.9	209.2	208.1
1976-77	234.5	223.6	243.5	250.7	229.8	233.1	232.9
1977-78	254.0	238.6	265.1	270.7	253.4	256.7	252.0
1977-78 -							
Nov.	251.3	236.8	262.0	268.5	252.4	255.3	249.8
Dec.	252.7	237.8	263.5	269.8	252.9	256.1	251.0
Jan.	253.8	238.6	265.0	270.9	253.6	256.7	251.9
Feb.	255.7	240.4	268.6	272.0	254.5	258.0	253.7
Mar.	256.6	241.6	269.1	273.3	257.2	260.9	255.1
Apr.	259.8	242.6	270.3	274.3	257.5	261.3	256.7
May	260.9	243.1	271.3	276.9	257.9	262.2	257.6
June	261.9	243.7	272.0	278.1	259.0	263.2	258.5
1978-79							
July	263.0	243.3	273.7	280.3	258.6	264.0	259.0
Aug.	264.5	244.4	274.6	279.7	260.0	265.4	260.2
Sept.	265.4	244.9	275.1	279.7	261.8	265.5	260.9
Oct.	266.7	246.1	275.2	280.6	262.9	266.1	262.0
Nov. p	267.3	247.0	276.6	282.1	264.7	268.0	263.0
Dec. p	268.9	248.3	277.9	286.8	265.1	268.8	264.6

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

(Base Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
	Value weight (%)											
1975-76	5.73	8.10	12.85	36.16	5.86	7.20	3.74	1.63	5.13	25.4	7.96	100.00
1975-76	195.1	227.0	205.1	226.2	229.3	187.1	201.5	183.5	165.9	167.7	187.9	208.1
1976-77	217.8	258.9	227.8	254.1	263.2	207.9	224.3	201.8	181.9	178.8	210.7	232.9
1977-78	239.0	284.6	245.8	275.0	287.7	220.1	239.1	215.5	193.3	191.8	230.4	252.0
1977-78 -												
Nov.	237.9	282.4	244.3	271.4	286.1	218.5	236.7	215.5	191.6	189.4	227.0	249.8
Dec.	238.3	282.6	244.9	273.2	289.5	218.9	240.3	217.1	192.5	191.5	228.8	251.0
Jan.	240.5	283.9	246.6	273.7	290.0	220.4	241.3	219.0	192.5	193.0	229.7	251.9
Feb.	242.5	285.8	247.5	276.1	290.7	221.2	242.4	218.1	194.8	193.4	233.8	253.7
Mar.	243.5	287.9	248.4	277.9	291.2	221.7	242.8	217.9	195.7	195.3	234.9	255.1
Apr.	244.4	291.5	251.5	279.5	292.2	223.9	243.1	218.8	195.6	195.4	235.8	256.7
May	245.7	291.8	251.9	280.7	293.3	224.9	243.1	221.4	197.4	195.6	236.1	257.6
June	246.3	292.4	252.4	281.0	296.0	226.8	243.0	224.3	198.6	197.1	237.1	258.5
1978-79												
July	243.9	292.4	253.8	281.4	297.7	226.8	243.4	224.5	199.1	197.3	239.9	259.0
Aug.	241.7	293.6	254.1	283.1	299.5	229.3	243.2	227.4	200.3	197.8	242.0	260.2
Sept.	240.9	296.9	254.1	283.8	300.1	230.8	236.2	228.5	200.8	200.1	243.9	260.9
Oct.	242.3	297.8	258.6	284.4	300.9	231.6	233.4	233.2	201.1	200.6	244.3	262.0
Nov. p	245.7	300.9	259.9	284.7	301.5	232.5	233.2	233.9	201.8	201.3	246.0	263.0
Dec. p	250.9	302.4	260.3	285.9	302.4	233.3	238.8	234.3	201.7	205.5	247.5	264.6

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1975-76	199.0	209.4	216.2	210.4	208.3	210.4	206.2
1976-77	221.5	234.8	241.2	234.3	235.4	234.8	230.3
1977-78	239.9	254.4	260.9	254.2	258.3	253.7	249.7
1977-78 -							
Nov.	237.3	252.7	259.3	252.3	256.9	252.6	247.7
Dec.	239.3	254.3	260.6	253.8	258.1	253.9	249.4
Jan.	240.7	255.7	262.1	255.2	259.3	254.7	250.7
Feb.	242.0	256.5	263.2	256.3	259.7	255.5	251.8
Mar.	243.2	257.7	264.1	257.8	261.4	256.4	252.9
Apr.	245.1	259.0	264.9	259.1	263.1	257.6	254.6
May	245.9	260.1	266.6	260.9	265.1	259.3	255.7
June	248.3	262.1	268.8	262.6	266.9	260.7	257.8
1978-79 -							
July	249.8	261.4	269.8	263.0	267.6	261.9	258.5
Aug.	250.6	262.0	270.8	263.1	269.3	262.9	259.4
Sept.	251.8	262.3	271.4	262.6	269.8	263.5	259.9
Oct.	252.7	263.7	271.8	263.2	270.8	264.2	260.9
Nov. p	254.4	265.4	273.1	264.3	272.1	265.9	262.5
Dec. p	255.5	267.8	275.2	269.2	272.8	267.6	264.4

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscellaneous material	Electrical installation materials (a)	Mechanical services components	All groups
Value weight (%)	10.41	3.64	5.28	11.90	30.58	6.01	2.59	1.19	7.09	8.61	12.70	100.00
1975-76	193.0	220.0	202.7	219.3	223.4	193.6	173.3	232.1	186.8	177.4	201.3	206.2
1976-77	215.6	244.7	224.0	243.6	251.7	213.7	195.0	251.2	204.2	199.6	225.4	230.3
1977-78	235.3	268.4	241.0	263.2	273.4	230.8	198.1	263.7	221.9	215.3	247.2	249.7
1977-78 -												
Nov.	234.1	265.9	239.7	260.1	272.0	230.6	195.9	261.8	218.7	212.3	244.5	247.7
Dec.	234.6	266.7	239.9	261.5	274.1	231.5	196.6	265.0	222.0	215.3	245.8	249.4
Jan.	237.3	269.8	242.1	262.1	274.7	232.0	198.1	265.2	222.9	217.7	247.7	250.7
Feb.	239.6	271.4	243.1	264.6	275.6	232.0	197.8	265.8	224.4	216.8	248.6	251.8
Mar.	240.7	273.5	243.6	266.1	276.6	232.3	198.0	266.5	225.8	216.9	251.4	252.9
Apr.	241.4	276.9	245.6	268.7	277.3	232.5	200.8	266.9	226.7	219.8	254.2	254.6
May	242.2	275.3	246.4	269.8	278.7	236.2	201.9	267.0	227.3	221.6	255.0	255.7
June	242.8	276.8	247.2	271.0	282.2	237.5	205.9	267.0	227.9	225.0	256.6	257.8
1978-79 -												
July	240.5	277.2	248.3	271.2	283.7	238.0	203.9	267.2	230.9	224.8	258.2	258.5
Aug.	239.1	277.6	249.1	272.3	284.6	239.7	205.9	266.8	229.5	226.8	260.2	259.4
Sept.	239.6	277.6	249.3	273.0	285.1	239.6	208.9	251.3	230.8	228.4	261.5	259.9
Oct.	241.2	279.6	252.3	273.3	285.4	240.1	211.8	242.1	231.5	232.8	262.4	260.9
Nov. p	244.1	282.6	253.8	274.1	286.3	240.1	214.2	242.0	231.9	236.8	264.0	262.5
Dec. p	249.9	284.6	254.8	275.2	287.5	241.5	215.9	252.1	233.1	237.8	266.0	264.4

(a) The Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials is used as the indicator for this group

EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS (Base : Year 1959-60 = 100)

Period	Wool	Meats	Dairy produce	Cereals	Dried and canned fruits	Sugar	Hides and tallow	Metals and coal (a)	Gold	All groups (b)
1975-76	127	150	122	240	162	335	151	286	359	187
1976-77	164	169	126	219	184	314	203	330	370	206
1977-78	168	212	147	196	237	273	224	340	472	213
1977-78 -										
Sept.	164	189	147	189	242	295	228	340	433	210
Oct.	169	195	147	186	241	287	223	340	460	211
Nov.	169	194	147	187	242	267	206	336	462	208
Dec.	167	199	147	191	244	254	201	345	457	209
Jan.	166	210	147	187	246	239	209	346	488	210
Feb.	170	224	148	192	241	239	212	339	500	212
Mar.	170	227	148	197	241	267	225	339	515	214
Apr.	169	237	148	205	221	271	230	336	496	215
May	170	246	148	206	223	280	235	335	496	218
June	173	243	147	216	223	285	244	337	522	222
1978-79 -										
July	(c) 173	243	150	216	223	288	257	341	525	222
Aug.	175	246	151	227	228	272	265	348	563	226
Sept.	176	262	151	237	227	269	272	354	596	230
Oct.	176	270	153	231	233	277	276	365	627	232

(a) Comprises coal, iron and steel, copper, zinc, lead and silver. Does not include iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands, which however have been included in the "All groups" index from July 1969 on. (b) As from 1969-70 "All groups" includes the following items, in addition to the specified groups: iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands. (c) Nominal.

CONSUMER (RETAIL) PRICE INDEXES, VARIOUS COUNTRIES

(Base of each index: Year 1970 = 100.0)

(Source: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Statistical Office of the United Nations)

The index numbers show fluctuations in prices in each country and do not measure relative price levels as between countries.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the various countries. A horizontal line placed above an index number (e.g. 179.3) indicates that the two series have been linked at that period.

Period	Australia (a)	Belgium (b)	Brazil (Sao Paulo) (c)	Canada	France	Federal Republic of Germany	India	Indonesia (Djakarta)	Italy	Japan	Netherlands
1975	162.8	149.5	187.9	142.5	152.8	134.7	174.5	243.8	171.1	172.4	151.3
1976	184.9	163.2	254.3	153.2	166.9	140.8	160.9	292.2	199.8	188.4	164.6
1977	207.6	174.8	357.3	165.4	183.2	146.3	174.5	324.4	236.6	203.6	175.6
1977 -											
June qtr	205.5	173.7	342.0	163.7	181.0	146.5	172.3	319.3	233.8	204.2	175.8
Sept. qtr	209.5	176.3	370.6	167.3	185.3	146.9	178.1	329.0	239.7	204.8	176.9
Dec. qtr	214.5	178.3	397.0	170.9	188.8	147.2	179.3	337.8	247.7	206.5	178.8
1978 -											
Mar. qtr	217.2	180.6	n.y.a.	174.0	191.8	149.1	175.0	343.3	254.2	207.4	179.3
June qtr	221.7	181.4	n.y.a.	178.3	197.3	150.5	176.1	n.y.a.	263.2	211.6	181.9
Sept. qtr	226.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	150.4	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
Period	New Zealand	Norway	Pakistan (Karachi) (d)	Philippines (e)	Singapore (f)	South Africa (g)	Sweden	Switzerland	United Kingdom	United States of America	Malaysia (Peninsular) (h)
1975	162.4	149.5	198.2	166.9	125.5	156.7	146.6	144.8	184.4	138.6	142.2
1976	189.9	163.2	212.4	182.3	123.1	174.1	161.7	147.3	214.9	146.6	145.9
1977	217.4	178.0	233.9	200.3	127.0	193.8	180.1	149.2	249.0	156.1	152.8
1977 -											
June qtr	214.0	176.9	230.8	196.9	124.9	191.2	177.8	148.8	248.8	155.3	150.8
Sept. qtr	221.6	180.7	235.9	204.2	128.4	197.0	183.8	149.5	252.7	157.6	153.7
Dec. qtr	229.4	182.3	238.2	207.7	129.3	201.1	187.7	149.9	255.7	159.3	155.9
1978 -											
Mar. qtr	234.2	187.6	241.5	210.7	131.8	201.5	194.5	150.2	260.8	162.0	157.4
June qtr	n.y.a.	189.2	243.5	211.1	131.8	201.5	197.2	150.8	267.9	166.2	158.8
Sept. qtr	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	198.9	151.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Consumer Price Index converted to base: 1970 = 100.0. (b) Rent is not included. (c) Beginning 1972, base: 1972 = 100.0. (d) Prior to 1972: Karachi only, industrial workers. Beginning 1972, base: 1971 = 100.0. (e) Base: 1972 = 100.0. Prior to 1976: Manila only. (f) Beginning 1974, new series, base: 1973 = 100.0. (g) White population. (h) Formerly known as West Malaysia.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK							Australia	
End of	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Rates	Index Nos
								(Base: Year 1954 = 100)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE (a)								
Adult Males								
\$								
June								
1975	113.31	112.73	115.83	111.01	106.35	112.59	112.78	399.3
1976	130.51	128.59	133.61	126.77	125.89	128.75	129.68	459.2
1977	155.96	142.47	147.63	140.64	141.99	142.50	143.95	509.7
1977-78								
Aug.	147.77	145.30	150.53	143.42	144.20	145.44	146.74	519.6
Sept.	147.74	145.32	150.53	143.41	145.77	145.44	146.84	520.0
Oct.	147.74	145.37	150.54	143.57	146.29	145.44	146.91	520.2
Nov.	147.75	145.37	150.54	143.57	146.30	145.44	146.91	520.2
Dec.	149.92	147.50	152.76	145.70	148.56	147.56	149.08	527.9
Jan.	149.94	147.50	152.76	145.70	148.67	147.56	149.09	527.9
Feb.	152.21	149.67	155.03	147.87	150.75	149.72	151.31	535.8
Mar.	152.22	149.67	155.07	147.87	150.75	149.72	151.32	535.8
Apr.	152.16	149.68	155.07	147.85	150.78	149.72	151.30	535.7
May	152.15	149.68	155.07	147.84	150.78	149.72	151.29	535.7
June	154.02	151.65	157.05	149.70	152.58	151.63	153.21	542.5
July	154.03	151.65	157.05	149.70	152.61	151.65	153.21	542.5
Aug.	154.06	151.65	157.05	149.70	152.62	151.65	153.22	542.5
Sept. (b)	155.17	152.88	157.29	150.92	153.07	152.11	154.19	546.0
Adult Females								
\$								
June								
1975	105.22	104.98	102.88	99.42	98.29	101.04	104.02	522.5
1976	120.48	120.70	122.04	120.28	115.34	116.94	120.36	604.6
1977	134.01	134.26	135.94	134.20	131.85	130.28	134.12	673.7
1977-78								
Aug.	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.87	134.55	132.90	136.79	687.1
Sept.	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.87	134.55	132.90	136.79	687.1
Oct.	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.87	134.83	132.90	136.81	687.2
Nov.	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.87	134.83	132.90	136.81	687.2
Dec.	138.72	138.97	140.77	138.91	136.64	134.91	138.84	697.6
Jan.	138.72	138.97	140.77	138.91	137.29	134.91	138.88	697.6
Feb.	140.78	141.04	142.87	140.98	139.10	136.93	140.93	707.9
Mar.	140.78	141.04	142.87	140.98	139.10	136.93	140.93	707.9
Apr.	140.78	141.04	142.87	140.98	139.37	136.93	140.94	708.0
May	140.78	141.04	142.84	140.98	139.43	136.93	140.95	708.0
June	142.59	142.85	144.72	142.81	141.03	138.73	142.75	717.1
July	142.59	142.85	144.72	142.81	141.03	138.73	142.75	717.1
Aug.	142.59	142.85	144.72	142.81	141.03	138.73	142.75	717.1
Sept. (b)	142.87	143.08	144.78	143.15	141.03	138.80	142.98	718.2
WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK, SEPTEMBER 1978								
Adult males	39.71	39.90	39.82	39.90	39.78	39.87	39.80	99.61
Adult females	39.53	39.81	39.70	39.77	39.78	39.63	39.67	100.00

(a) For a full weeks work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements. The wage rates for adult males exclude rural industry. The wage rates for adult females exclude rural industry, mining and quarrying and building and construction. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. Figures for the last twelve months are subject to revision. (b) Includes supplementary payments in Metal Industry Award, Part I. (c) The hours for adult males exclude rural industry and shipping and stevedoring. The hours for adult females exclude rural industry, mining and quarrying, and building and construction.

NOTE: For further information regarding these statistics reference should be made to the monthly bulletin *Wage Rates* (631 2.0).

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (a)

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<i>Period</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld.</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i> <i>(b)</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i> <i>(b)</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
ORIGINAL									
1975-76	172.70	170.50	163.50	158.50	169.10	157.80	190.00	209.00	169.60
1976-77	193.60	191.10	184.50	179.50	190.80	181.20	216.70	237.70	190.70
1977-78	213.40	209.30	202.20	197.40	209.20	199.00	240.70	259.10	209.50
1976-77 -									
June qtr	201.80	200.40	192.30	187.40	198.20	185.50	224.70	245.80	198.70
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	207.30	202.50	195.60	195.90	206.10	195.90	227.00	251.10	204.10
Dec. qtr	217.10	211.90	206.80	199.40	211.10	204.80	247.00	263.10	212.50
Mar. qtr	209.80	204.80	195.30	190.20	205.70	194.00	238.30	255.10	205.10
June qtr	219.40	217.90	211.20	203.90	213.90	201.10	250.50	266.90	216.30
Sept. qtr	223.10	218.60	209.20	206.90	218.60	205.50	250.80	271.70	218.90
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1976-77 -									
June qtr	203.00	200.80	190.00	190.40	197.10	186.60	225.80	244.20	198.30
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	208.50	204.10	196.30	194.30	205.80	195.20	230.60	250.90	204.40
Dec. qtr	210.00	201.90	198.10	193.50	206.40	195.90	237.90	258.70	205.00
Mar. qtr	215.60	213.40	205.30	196.80	212.20	201.90	243.30	259.30	213.00
June qtr	220.00	218.40	210.60	205.20	212.50	204.20	253.50	266.50	215.80
Sept. qtr	226.00	222.00	211.50	207.70	219.90	206.40	254.10	269.80	220.40

(a) Particulars of wages and salaries paid are not available for males and females separately: estimates have therefore been calculated in terms of male units, i.e. total male employees plus a proportion of female employees, the proportion being derived from the estimated ratio of female to male average earnings in each State. The ratio used in the current quarter for Australia is approximately 67 per cent. For further details on the separate State ratios see *Average Weekly Earnings* (6302.0). (b) Original series estimates have been calculated on a basis which excludes the effects of varying numbers of Australian Government pay-days in each quarter.

For a more detailed explanation of the methods used, see *Average Weekly Earnings* (6302.0).

BUILDING, ETC.

SUMMARY OF BUILDING APPROVED: ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

New dwellings								
Period	Private			Government		Total		
	Number ('000)			Value (\$m)		Number ('000)		
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Value (\$m)	Number ('000)	Value (\$m)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Value (\$m)
1975-76	134.2	..	3,007.2	11.9	249.6	146.1	..	3,256.8
1976-77	127.3	..	3,227.8	14.1	313.1	141.4	..	3,540.9
1977-78	110.8	..	3,040.2	12.9	310.1	123.8	..	3,350.3
1977-78								
Oct.	9.7	9.7	265.6	1.3	34.3	11.0	10.9	299.9
Nov.	9.8	9.3	270.2	1.6	36.4	11.4	10.6	306.6
Dec.	8.5	9.4	233.7	1.4	33.3	9.9	10.8	267.1
Jan.	7.3	9.2	200.4	0.5	12.2	7.8	10.2	212.7
Feb.	8.0	9.0	219.3	0.8	18.3	8.7	9.8	237.6
Mar.	9.2	9.2	249.6	0.9	21.1	10.1	10.2	270.7
Apr.	8.8	8.8	244.3	1.3	29.6	10.0	10.0	273.9
May	9.7	8.7	271.9	1.3	31.8	11.1	9.7	303.7
June	9.7	8.9	272.1	1.4	32.8	11.0	9.9	304.9
1978-79								
July	8.7	8.6	248.7	0.6	15.1	9.4	9.3	263.8
Aug.	9.7	8.9	277.4	0.7	15.0	10.4	9.9	292.4
Sept.	9.5	9.4	265.7	0.4	9.6	9.9	9.9	275.3
Oct.	10.5	10.0	295.5	0.6	17.8	11.1	10.6	313.2
Nov.	10.5	9.9	304.9	0.9	21.5	11.4	10.6	326.4
Other building (a)								
Period	Alterations and additions to dwellings (b)	Seasonally adjusted	Original		Seasonally adjusted	Total building		
			Private	Total	Total	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
			Value (\$ million)					
1975-76	211.1	..	945.7	1,931.7	..	5,399.6	..	
1976-77	250.6	..	1,147.9	2,210.5	..	6,002.0	..	
1977-78	292.1	..	1,392.5	2,494.1	..	6,136.6	..	
1977-78								
Oct.	27.7	24.6	139.7	214.7	209.0	542.3	528.1	
Nov.	25.4	22.7	130.2	222.2	220.2	554.2	528.5	
Dec.	21.5	24.4	108.7	204.4	208.4	493.0	535.4	
Jan.	20.3	24.3	84.2	174.2	213.5	407.2	512.0	
Feb.	20.7	23.8	107.2	176.6	205.3	434.9	495.1	
Mar.	24.0	26.2	116.8	205.6	215.4	500.2	535.3	
Apr.	25.1	27.0	119.6	219.9	209.0	518.9	513.6	
May	26.9	25.5	149.9	231.7	197.5	562.3	482.9	
June	25.9	25.2	117.4	254.8	208.4	585.5	504.7	
1978-79								
July	23.8	23.7	114.9	181.0	187.9	468.6	451.8	
Aug.	28.8	25.1	146.9	251.9	263.6	573.1	589.9	
Sept.	29.4	26.4	155.8	218.2	231.4	522.8	522.8	
Oct.	31.2	27.1	150.2	238.1	219.8	582.5	545.4	
Nov.	28.3	26.0	138.2	225.5	222.3	580.2	553.8	

(a) Comprises other building (new plus alterations and additions) valued at \$10,000 and over. (b) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

NOTE: The value of alterations and additions to dwellings, valued at \$2,000 - \$9,999 approved in November 1978 was \$31.6m.

BUILDING JOBS APPROVED

Period	V.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBERS OF NEW DWELLINGS ('000)									
1975-76	32.13	39.40	24.61	16.82	21.39	4.44	2.79	4.54	146.11
1976-77	36.80	36.63	25.67	14.39	19.08	4.40	1.58	2.84	141.37
1977-78	37.74	28.55	24.98	9.53	15.90	3.69	1.34	2.04	123.77
1977-78									
Oct.	3.25	2.45	2.23	0.96	1.40	0.31	0.26	0.19	11.04
Nov.	3.73	2.38	2.23	0.84	1.53	0.33	0.07	0.25	11.37
Dec.	3.07	2.26	2.07	0.73	1.26	0.32	0.06	0.14	9.90
Jan.	2.88	1.56	1.55	0.64	0.78	0.15	0.05	0.16	7.76
Feb.	2.59	2.22	1.76	0.56	1.22	0.28	0.02	0.10	8.74
Mar.	2.84	2.48	2.22	0.76	1.19	0.31	0.07	0.11	10.06
Apr.	3.20	2.48	1.70	0.84	1.30	0.29	0.08	0.14	10.03
May	3.27	2.94	2.08	0.78	1.33	0.30	0.12	0.25	11.06
June	3.60	2.30	2.31	0.72	1.45	0.36	0.19	0.12	11.04
1978-79									
July	2.98	2.01	1.91	0.76	1.18	0.29	0.15	0.09	9.36
Aug.	3.45	2.16	2.15	0.69	1.29	0.30	0.12	0.24	10.39
Sept.	3.27	2.18	2.09	0.61	1.15	0.32	0.08	0.20	9.90
Oct.	3.69	2.42	2.58	0.55	1.18	0.35	0.19	0.13	11.10
Nov.	3.50	2.54	2.50	0.98	1.24	0.32	0.07	0.25	11.39
VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS (\$m)									
1975-76	704.0	907.2	508.7	360.2	438.5	101.5	97.2	139.4	3,256.8
1976-77	890.1	962.0	613.0	356.0	469.0	110.5	52.3	87.8	3,540.9
1977-78	1,016.9	824.9	621.2	259.4	423.1	96.1	46.0	62.7	3,350.3
1977-78									
Oct.	91.3	70.0	54.0	25.3	37.6	7.7	8.1	5.7	299.9
Nov.	98.3	71.6	54.3	23.1	40.8	8.6	2.4	7.3	306.6
Dec.	83.6	66.5	50.7	20.0	32.1	8.3	1.9	4.0	267.1
Jan.	77.2	46.6	38.8	17.4	21.6	4.4	1.9	4.7	212.7
Feb.	69.6	63.2	43.5	15.9	34.3	6.7	0.9	3.5	237.6
Mar.	78.2	68.4	57.8	20.3	32.7	7.8	2.1	3.3	270.7
Apr.	87.4	72.0	43.5	22.7	34.7	7.6	2.8	4.2	273.9
May	90.4	83.4	53.4	21.1	35.4	8.3	4.0	7.6	303.7
June	99.6	66.6	59.3	20.8	38.7	9.6	6.5	3.7	304.9
1978-79									
July	84.8	60.4	49.9	21.2	32.0	7.6	4.3	3.6	263.8
Aug.	97.5	62.9	57.0	18.7	36.5	8.0	3.6	8.1	292.4
Sept.	92.0	63.9	52.2	18.0	31.5	8.8	2.4	6.6	275.3
Oct.	105.2	73.6	68.6	16.1	31.5	9.2	4.7	4.3	313.3
Nov.	101.4	75.0	68.5	27.6	34.8	9.1	2.2	7.8	326.4
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS (\$m) (a)									
1975-76	77.2	53.2	11.3	12.2	10.2	2.3	35.2	9.6	211.1
1976-77	94.0	77.6	16.5	18.1	16.2	3.9	15.4	8.8	250.6
1977-78	116.2	88.4	17.4	20.0	24.7	4.8	12.6	7.9	292.1
1977-78									
Oct.	10.7	7.8	1.8	1.7	2.0	0.5	2.7	0.7	27.7
Nov.	9.3	8.6	1.5	1.8	2.3	0.5	0.8	0.6	25.4
Dec.	8.4	6.8	1.3	1.7	1.5	0.3	1.1	0.4	21.5
Jan.	9.0	5.4	1.1	1.4	1.9	0.3	0.6	0.6	20.3
Feb.	8.5	6.2	0.9	1.4	2.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	20.7
Mar.	9.6	7.1	1.3	2.0	2.1	0.4	1.0	0.5	24.0
Apr.	10.3	7.9	1.6	1.6	2.2	0.4	0.5	0.7	25.1
May	10.9	8.3	1.9	1.7	2.3	0.6	0.3	0.9	26.9
June	10.8	7.3	1.7	1.9	2.0	0.4	1.0	0.6	25.9
1978-79									
July	9.6	6.8	1.5	2.0	2.5	0.3	0.5	0.6	23.8
Aug.	12.4	8.2	1.8	1.9	2.8	0.5	0.2	1.1	28.8
Sept.	12.5	8.7	1.8	1.8	2.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	29.4
Oct.	13.3	9.0	2.0	2.2	2.9	0.5	0.5	0.8	31.2
Nov.	12.8	7.6	1.5	1.8	3.0	0.6	0.4	0.7	28.3

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

BUILDING JOBS APPROVED - continued

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING (\$m)									
1975-76	554.1	512.8	370.5	154.9	182.5	54.8	41.7	60.2	1,931.7
1976-77	618.4	536.2	324.3	284.8	214.7	86.1	59.5	86.5	2,210.5
1977-78	669.8	696.7	426.8	201.3	268.3	86.8	64.2	80.3	2,494.1
1977-78 -									
Oct.	57.0	67.8	24.5	23.9	19.7	8.7	2.6	10.6	214.7
Nov.	49.7	46.7	31.6	20.7	38.3	6.8	14.5	14.0	222.2
Dec.	77.3	47.0	23.0	10.4	23.5	9.8	6.2	7.4	204.6
Jan.	51.1	46.5	21.8	26.5	17.0	3.7	1.4	4.2	174.2
Feb.	52.9	54.3	28.1	8.4	24.0	6.5	1.1	1.3	176.6
Mar.	53.2	57.6	49.5	12.5	16.4	5.8	3.7	6.8	205.6
Apr.	47.7	76.9	41.9	19.5	19.5	10.3	1.4	2.7	219.9
May	60.7	40.1	59.3	17.0	34.2	11.1	5.0	4.3	231.7
June	81.2	86.2	31.2	12.3	21.1	9.7	9.7	3.5	254.8
1978-79 -									
July	45.9	69.1	26.1	16.6	16.7	2.2	1.4	3.1	181.0
Aug.	63.7	62.8	80.7	17.5	15.7	6.0	0.8	4.8	251.9
Sept.	66.7	70.9	27.7	13.3	29.5	4.8	3.5	1.8	218.2
Oct.	76.8	65.2	39.0	12.3	17.3	15.0	1.2	11.4	238.1
Nov.	61.6	80.6	26.8	17.3	22.5	7.0	2.9	6.8	225.5

VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING (\$m)

1975-76	1,335.4	1,473.2	890.5	527.3	631.1	158.7	174.1	209.2	5,399.6
1976-77	1,602.5	1,575.8	953.9	659.0	700.0	200.6	127.2	183.1	6,002.0
1977-78	1,802.9	1,610.0	1,065.4	480.7	716.2	187.7	122.8	150.9	6,136.6
1977-78 -									
Oct.	158.9	145.6	80.3	50.9	59.3	16.9	13.4	17.0	542.3
Nov.	157.2	126.9	87.4	45.6	81.4	15.9	17.7	22.0	554.2
Dec.	169.3	120.1	75.0	32.1	57.1	18.5	9.2	11.8	493.0
Jan.	137.4	100.5	61.6	45.3	40.5	8.5	3.9	9.5	407.2
Feb.	131.0	123.8	72.5	25.7	60.8	13.5	2.5	5.2	434.9
Mar.	141.0	133.2	108.6	34.8	51.1	14.0	6.8	10.7	500.2
Apr.	145.4	156.8	86.0	43.8	56.3	18.3	4.7	7.5	518.9
May	162.1	131.9	114.5	39.8	71.9	20.0	9.3	12.7	562.3
June	191.6	160.1	92.2	35.0	61.8	19.7	17.3	7.8	585.5
1978-79 -									
July	140.3	136.3	77.5	39.8	51.1	10.1	6.2	7.2	468.6
Aug.	173.6	133.9	139.5	38.1	55.0	14.5	4.6	14.0	573.1
Sept.	171.2	143.5	81.7	33.0	63.7	14.2	6.5	9.1	522.8
Oct.	195.3	147.8	109.6	30.6	51.6	24.7	6.4	16.5	582.5
Nov.	175.8	163.2	96.8	46.6	60.3	16.7	5.5	15.3	580.2

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMMENCED - AUSTRALIA

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMMENCED									
Period	Number of new dwellings ('000)				Value (\$ million)				
	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building
							Private	Total	
ORIGINAL									
1975-76	106.6	30.5	123.8	137.1	3,124.4	206.1	963.7	1,907.8	5,238.2
1976-77	108.8	32.9	126.4	141.7	3,665.0	266.4	1,224.0	2,253.3	6,184.6
1977-78	94.0	24.7	105.5	118.7	3,365.0	298.7	1,492.0	2,541.4	6,205.0
1976-77 -									
Mar. qtr	26.8	7.7	30.4	34.5	898.1	65.8	267.7	532.2	1,496.1
June qtr	26.1	7.8	30.1	33.9	906.0	70.5	377.5	632.4	1,608.9
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	25.8	7.3	29.8	33.1	919.4	72.8	343.6	603.8	1,596.0
Dec. qtr	21.9	5.7	24.6	27.6	777.3	73.0	377.5	632.7	1,483.0
Mar. qtr	22.0	5.4	24.3	27.5	791.9	70.6	356.6	602.1	1,464.6
June qtr	24.2	6.3	26.9	30.5	876.4	82.2	414.4	702.8	1,661.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1976-77 -							(a)		
Mar. qtr	27.3	7.9	31.2	35.2	919.4	--	267.7	541.5	1,518.4
June qtr	25.2	7.5	29.1	32.9	879.9	--	377.5	574.6	1,525.3
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	24.7	6.8	28.5	31.5	864.6	--	343.6	599.4	1,549.3
Dec. qtr	23.4	6.2	26.0	29.3	835.4	--	377.5	696.2	1,594.5
Mar. qtr	22.4	5.6	24.9	28.1	811.0	--	356.6	614.6	1,488.7
June qtr	23.4	6.1	26.0	29.7	851.7	--	414.4	636.1	1,573.5

(a) Series shows only insignificant seasonal pattern in recent years. Figures shown are the original figures.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMPLETED : AUSTRALIA

Number of new dwellings ('000)					Value (\$ million)				
Period	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building
							Private	Total	
ORIGINAL									
1975-76	99.9	32.1	112.3	132.0	2,808.6	169.8	1,249.6	2,266.6	5,245.0
1976-77	110.4	34.4	129.6	144.8	3,635.1	252.5	1,336.4	2,446.5	6,334.1
1977-78	100.1	28.8	114.3	120.9	3,595.6	285.1	1,534.4	2,603.6	6,484.3
1976-77 -									
Mar. qtr	24.5	7.6	29.2	32.1	824.8	57.3	335.3	586.0	1,468.2
June qtr	27.2	9.1	32.1	36.4	950.9	69.2	348.1	674.5	1,694.5
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	26.9	7.5	30.3	34.4	927.6	69.4	355.5	641.2	1,638.1
Dec. qtr	26.8	8.4	30.8	35.2	982.7	75.2	385.1	677.3	1,735.1
Mar. qtr	21.9	6.3	25.6	28.2	799.1	66.4	366.7	600.0	1,465.6
June qtr	24.5	6.7	27.7	31.1	886.3	74.2	427.1	685.0	1,645.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1976-77 -									
Mar. qtr	27.6	8.6	32.2	36.1	927.0	..	362.7	602.7	1,581.9
June qtr	26.9	8.5	31.6	35.4	933.3	..	351.4	691.2	1,716.9
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	26.6	7.7	30.2	34.3	921.4	..	364.6	654.5	1,640.1
Dec. qtr	24.7	7.8	28.6	32.6	906.3	..	347.3	633.7	1,600.1
Mar. qtr	24.7	7.1	28.2	31.8	898.6	..	395.9	616.6	1,578.2
June qtr	24.1	6.2	27.3	30.2	868.8	..	430.9	700.9	1,665.7
VALUE OF WORK DONE : AUSTRALIA (\$ million)									
Period	New dwellings			Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building		
	Houses	Other dwellings	Total		Private	Total			
ORIGINAL									
1975-76	2,488.6	567.1	3,055.7	190.7	1,214.3	2,348.5	5,595.0		
1976-77	3,040.8	676.4	3,717.2	263.3	1,343.9	2,464.9	6,445.5		
1977-78	2,925.1	609.2	3,534.3	295.2	1,489.5	2,680.4	6,509.9		
1976-77 -							*		
Mar. qtr	718.1	153.7	871.9	62.1	312.9	564.4	1,498.3		
June qtr	772.7	175.3	948.0	69.7	359.9	657.8	1,675.5		
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	789.2	168.3	956.5	72.1	375.0	668.3	1,696.9		
Dec. qtr	731.0	153.5	884.6	76.0	366.8	675.0	1,635.5		
Mar. qtr	669.1	140.7	809.7	68.2	346.8	605.4	1,483.3		
June qtr	736.8	146.7	883.5	79.0	401.0	731.8	1,694.2		
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1976-77 -									
Mar. qtr	771.7	166.2	936.9	..	342.2	616.9	1,618.8		
June qtr	761.5	174.9	935.2	..	349.9	640.6	1,649.2		
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	750.9	159.8	912.0	..	355.9	640.1	1,621.1		
Dec. qtr	727.9	150.4	878.5	..	365.9	665.8	1,616.7		
Mar. qtr	718.6	152.3	870.4	..	379.3	662.2	1,603.7		
June qtr	726.3	146.3	871.7	..	389.5	711.9	1,666.6		

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING, JUNE QUARTER 1978

State or Territory	Commenced		Completed		Under construction		Value of work done during period		Value of work yet to be done	
	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total
NUMBER OF NEW DWELLINGS ('000)										
N.S.W.	7.62	8.70	7.67	8.46	14.12	18.15	...	...	...	...
Vic.	7.36	8.24	7.49	8.12	17.28	18.68	...	...	...	...
Qld	5.88	6.26	5.78	6.31	6.49	7.09	...	...	...	...
S.A.	1.74	2.26	1.86	2.24	3.14	4.78	...	...	...	...
W.A.	3.02	3.35	3.39	3.94	5.05	5.41	...	...	...	...
Tas.	0.63	0.92	0.64	0.94	1.90	2.36	...	...	...	...
N.T.	0.12	0.25	0.21	0.40	0.47	0.95	...	...	...	...
A.C.T.	0.51	0.56	0.64	0.72	0.87	1.15	...	...	...	...
Aust.	26.87	30.54	27.69	31.13	49.30	58.56	...	...	...	...
VALUE OF NEW HOUSES (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	196.5	202.6	188.0	196.2	323.3	342.8	194.5	202.0	166.4	176.7
Vic.	201.8	217.7	193.9	204.6	464.2	488.6	197.2	209.0	235.0	246.4
Qld	131.0	139.0	126.9	139.4	133.3	146.6	128.5	141.1	68.4	73.3
S.A.	44.0	52.0	49.1	56.9	80.6	105.2	47.9	53.8	41.4	51.9
W.A.	71.1	78.1	77.6	86.9	119.8	126.6	77.5	86.0	60.7	63.5
Tas.	15.3	19.4	15.8	19.6	40.8	46.0	16.1	20.0	20.5	23.0
N.T.	3.8	7.6	6.0	12.8	15.9	29.4	4.9	9.7	7.7	13.1
A.C.T.	13.6	14.6	16.5	18.3	22.8	24.7	14.2	15.2	12.0	13.2
Aust.	677.0	731.0	673.7	734.7	1,200.8	1,310.0	680.7	736.8	611.9	661.0
VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	223.6	249.5	222.8	239.2	413.9	508.7	227.7	250.3	211.2	262.8
Vic.	227.5	246.7	226.7	240.1	541.6	571.9	224.7	239.7	272.9	286.7
Qld	162.1	171.5	153.9	167.5	197.5	212.5	155.8	169.5	104.0	109.8
S.A.	51.6	64.0	55.9	65.1	100.2	139.6	53.9	62.0	53.8	70.4
W.A.	87.0	95.3	97.6	110.6	156.0	165.5	95.0	105.6	78.5	82.7
Tas.	17.8	23.6	20.3	26.6	52.3	61.6	19.3	25.3	26.1	30.5
N.T.	4.4	8.8	7.5	14.4	18.6	33.4	5.9	11.1	9.0	15.1
A.C.T.	16.0	17.0	21.1	22.9	29.1	36.9	17.0	19.5	15.8	18.8
Aust.	790.0	876.4	805.7	886.3	1,509.1	1,730.0	799.2	883.5	771.3	876.9
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	30.9	30.9	28.6	28.6	36.9	36.9	29.8	29.8	17.8	17.8
Vic.	29.3	29.4	21.3	21.3	47.6	47.6	25.8	25.9	23.2	23.2
Qld	5.4	5.6	5.4	5.4	1.6	1.9	5.4	5.5	0.8	0.9
S.A.	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.6	2.2	2.2
W.A.	5.8	5.8	5.5	5.7	6.9	7.0	5.5	5.5	3.5	3.6
Tas.	0.9	0.9	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	0.6	0.6
N.T.	1.7	2.6	3.6	5.1	8.6	10.3	2.8	4.1	4.2	4.7
A.C.T.	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	3.0	3.0	2.2	2.2	1.4	1.4
Aust.	81.0	82.2	72.4	74.2	110.5	112.6	77.4	79.0	53.7	54.3
VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	134.1	176.1	172.6	231.7	419.5	951.8	122.6	196.4	189.8	429.2
Vic.	118.5	219.5	89.3	146.6	435.7	877.0	113.2	204.7	206.7	427.9
Qld	62.6	118.2	69.3	130.8	102.3	362.9	58.1	107.2	52.2	189.7
S.A.	32.8	53.1	25.1	59.2	100.7	218.3	33.4	62.7	56.4	110.6
W.A.	45.8	72.0	40.8	61.1	112.3	296.2	47.7	80.7	52.9	142.0
Tas.	8.7	31.3	10.5	20.3	26.2	98.3	9.9	22.4	13.3	57.3
N.T.	4.3	18.6	6.3	13.3	16.4	111.4	6.5	22.1	9.0	45.2
A.C.T.	7.7	14.1	13.3	22.0	45.0	304.2	9.7	34.9	12.0	138.4
Aust.	414.4	702.8	427.1	685.0	1,258.1	3,220.2	401.0	731.8	592.7	1,540.1
TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	388.6	456.5	424.0	499.5	870.3	1,497.5	380.2	477.1	418.7	709.8
Vic.	375.3	495.5	337.1	407.9	1,024.9	1,496.5	363.7	470.0	502.8	737.7
Qld	230.0	295.2	228.5	303.7	301.4	573.3	219.2	22.2	156.9	300.4
S.A.	89.2	121.9	85.4	128.8	205.3	362.3	91.9	130.0	112.4	183.2
W.A.	138.6	173.1	143.8	177.4	275.2	468.7	148.1	191.9	135.0	228.2
Tas.	27.4	55.8	32.2	48.2	79.9	161.3	30.5	49.0	39.9	88.4
N.T.	10.4	30.0	17.4	32.8	43.5	155.2	15.2	37.6	22.2	61.9
A.C.T.	26.0	33.5	36.6	47.1	77.2	344.1	28.8	56.6	29.3	150.6
Aust.	1,285.5	1,661.5	1,305.3	1,645.5	2,877.6	5,062.8	1,277.6	1,694.2	1,417.2	2,471.3

NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES, SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TYPE OF ASSET (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in expenditure by private enterprises, on new fixed tangible assets. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Gross fixed capital expenditure* in the table on page 36 of this publication as a result of the different methods of compilation of the two sets of statistics.

ASIC Subdivision										
Manufacturing										
Quarter	Mining	Food, beverages and tobacco	Textiles, clothing and footwear	Paper, paper products, printing and publishing	Chemicals, petroleum and coal products	Basic metal products	Transport equipment	Fabricated metal products (a)	Other (b)	Total
	(11-16)	(21, 22)	(23, 24)	(26)	(27)	(29)	(32)	(31, 33)	(25, 28, 34)	(21-34)
1976-77 June	140.5	123.5	11.6	35.7	63.6	63.6	54.1	66.0	77.9	496.0
1977-78 Sept.	154.2	113.6	12.4	30.0	81.7	58.2	48.3	59.0	80.1	483.3
Dec.	230.4	123.3	13.0	38.4	84.1	72.9	56.6	70.4	82.7	541.4
Mar.	174.8	121.0	9.2	28.5	70.2	53.2	55.0	73.6	86.0	496.7
June	244.7	130.2	21.9	43.5	90.1	73.1	59.4	69.7	94.5	582.4
1978-79 Sept.	267.0	108.1	13.9	42.9	106.8	68.0	71.4	57.8	96.8	565.7

ASIC Subdivision										
Non-manufacturing					Type of asset					
Quarter	Electricity, gas and water	Wholesale and retail trade	Transport	All other (c)	Total new capital expenditure (d)		New buildings and structures (e)		Other new capital equipment (f)	
					Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
	(36, 37)	(46-48)	(51-55)	(56, 61, 63, 111-37, 46)	(51, 93)	(63, 91-93)				
1976-77 June	6.5	277.8	80.6	612.1	1,613.6	1,523.1	476.2	357.6	1,137.4	1,174.0
1977-78 Sept.	6.2	273.8	62.2	611.8	1,591.2	1,491.9	484.0	384.0	1,099.1	1,110.0
Dec.	6.6	276.2	102.4	634.4	1,811.4	1,673.6	554.3	498.4	1,257.1	1,174.1
Mar.	3.9	198.9	72.1	558.5	1,504.9	1,397.8	478.3	410.7	1,107.1	1,059.3
June	5.5	317.8	106.4	801.8	2,058.3	1,942.3	517.1	497.2	1,541.2	1,454.5
1978-79 Sept.	3.2	265.6	90.5	781.2	1,973.1	1,975.5	516.8	508.3	1,456.1	1,470.3

(a) Fabricated metal products, other industrial machinery and equipment and household appliances. (b) Wood, wood products and furniture (except sheet metal), glass, clay and other non-metallic mineral products, leather, rubber and plastic products and other manufacturing, n.e.c. (c) Finance, insurance, real estate, business services, communication, entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services. (d) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction. (e) Includes houses, flats and home units, water and sewerage installations, lifts, heating, ventilating and similar equipment forming an integral part of buildings and structures, land and construction site development, roads, bridges, wharves, harbours, railway lines, pipelines, power and telephone lines. Also included is the value of expenditure on mine development (e.g. construction of shafts in underground mines, preparation of mining and quarrying sites for open-cut extraction, other developmental operations undertaken primarily for commencing or extending production). (f) Includes plant, machinery, vehicles, electrical apparatus, office equipment, furniture, fixtures and fittings not forming an integral part of buildings, durable containers, special tooling, etc. - also includes goods imported from overseas whether previously used outside Australia or not.

INCREASE IN BOOK VALUE OF STOCKS HELD BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in investment in stocks by private enterprises. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Increase in stock* in the table on page 36 as a result of the different methods of compilation of these two sets of statistics.

Increase in book value of stocks for selected ASIC subdivisions						Less stock valuation adjustment (b)	Increase in stocks after stock valuation adjustment (b)
Quarter	Mining	Manufacturing	Wholesale trade	Retail trade (a)	Total		
	(11, 16)	(21-34)	(46, 47)	(36, 48, 92)	(11-36, 46-48, 92)		
1976-77 June	-8	332	+159	+203	+702	+337	+365
1977-78							
Sept.	+59	+253	+55	+226	+593	+368	+225
Dec.	+46	99	+174	+7	+128	+311	183
Mar.	+1	+161	+76	+18	+256	+290	-34
June	-12	+184	+100	+61	+357	+334	+23
1978-79							
Sept.	9	+151	+94	+201	+437	+446	9

(a) Includes electricity and gas, restaurants, hotels and clubs. (b) Informants are asked to report the book value of their stocks at the end of each quarter according to their normal principles of valuing stocks for balance sheet purposes. Increases in the book value of stocks between the beginning and end of a quarter will partly reflect changes in the physical quantities of all component items and partly changes in prices at which stocks are valued. A stock valuation adjustment is deducted from the increase in book value of stocks to arrive at the increase in stocks valued at above-market prices of the quarter.

PRODUCTION

MINE PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS

Period	Copper (a)	Lead (a)	Zinc (a)	Tin (a)	Nickel (a)	bauxite	Iron ore	Gold (a) (b)	Mineral sands concentrates		
									Ilmenite	Rutile	Zircon
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	kg	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1975-76	217,439	395,633	481,610	9,442	81,030	21,084	92,672	17,422	948,792	362,769	384,823
1976-77	211,215	416,291	475,488	10,340	82,088	25,469	95,602	15,305	1,048,217	380,684	420,186
1977-78	221,077	414,991	482,469	11,364	87,144	24,826	90,261	21,321	1,153,407	279,732	373,926
1977-78											
Sept.	16,795	38,949	45,298	772	21,366	6,649	24,285	1,750	97,704	24,415	31,588
Oct.	19,970	37,700	41,947	1,018				1,677	94,791	24,771	35,493
Nov.	20,389	40,949	46,679	1,007				1,861	95,340	27,212	32,998
Dec.	18,696	28,769	30,144	954				2,050	80,908	20,904	27,497
Jan.	18,448	22,892	25,906	1,001	22,046	5,754	20,237	1,455	73,590	13,514	15,927
Feb.	15,283	32,054	42,062	906				1,686	84,409	17,451	22,836
Mar.	17,964	34,022	37,767	1,017				2,090	96,812	26,872	30,044
Apr.	18,329	28,772	32,515	1,032				1,510	102,365	21,882	29,999
May	20,052	32,243	39,187	963	19,486	5,972	19,257	1,536	96,822	23,808	34,184
June	17,350	36,126	45,149	1,010				1,590	134,348	26,915	37,087
1978-79											
July	17,016	38,205	41,265	1,029	20,633	5,829	21,692	1,806	108,885	22,241	36,920
Aug.	20,594	40,611	48,505	982				2,290	101,174	20,846	37,742
Sept.	20,623	36,734	43,156	938				1,577	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
Oct.	19,837	35,558	39,381	960				n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Quantities shown are metallic contents of mine products based on chemical assay. (b) Western Australian and Northern Territory gold production figures (in respect of mine products) normally relate to a four-week period ending in the calendar month indicated. However, two such periods ended in the calendar month of March 1978 for Western Australia and August 1978 for the Northern Territory.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS AND METALS

Period	Fuel minerals					Refined metals (a)						
	Black coal		Brown coal		Natural gas	Alumina	Aluminum	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Tin	Gold
	original	Seasonally adjusted	tonnes	tonnes	million cu m	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	kg
1975-76	69,466	..	29,212	23,891	5,388	5,619	220,027	164,279	168,183	204,534	5,386	12,829
1976-77	75,678	..	31,028	24,555	6,365	6,474	236,943	157,452	165,582	258,564	5,373	11,127
1977-78	78,919	..	30,504	25,323	6,953	6,741	259,592	155,353	207,939	261,565	5,993	17,869
1977-78												
Sept.	6,901	6,679	2,162	2,006	622	572	21,311	13,609	20,151	22,517	694	1,859
Oct.	7,085	6,548	1,503	2,207	543	604	21,924	10,542	17,368	22,230	524	1,500
Nov.	7,532	6,546	2,312	1,986	538	532	21,354	13,562	18,265	20,074	524	1,709
Dec.	5,329	6,367	2,681	2,071	502	584	22,121	10,990	19,588	20,223	666	1,474
Jan.	4,721	7,062	2,265	2,218	478	575	22,206	11,767	18,084	21,963	336	1,380
Feb.	6,704	6,541	2,307	1,985	488	492	20,941	12,941	14,129	19,131	460	1,427
Mar.	6,101	7,000	2,944	2,231	541	542	21,961	14,011	14,862	22,305	496	1,751
Apr.	6,596	6,561	2,628	2,014	556	553	21,523	14,652	15,336	22,313	460	1,381
May	8,249	6,963	3,045	2,102	631	574	22,496	14,845	16,180	24,547	395	1,168
June	6,116	5,510	3,021	2,142	692	532	21,520	13,303	17,534	22,872	629	1,214
1978-79												
July	6,117	5,826	3,182	2,132	760	568	22,487	13,935	19,302	27,781	225	1,706
Aug.	6,998	7,490	3,034	2,167	725	569	22,349	11,007	18,506	27,315	427	1,243
Sept.	6,910	6,842	2,735	1,947	665	597	21,710	13,068	15,336	26,063	566	2,018
Oct.	7,884	6,963	2,746	2,001	624	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	18,686	25,729	356	1,243

(a) Primary origin only. (b) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources. (c) Refined lead including lead content of lead alloys from primary sources; excludes lead content of lead silver bullion produced for export.

PRODUCTION OF ENERGY, IRON AND STEEL AND BUILDING MATERIALS

Period	Heat, light and power				Iron and steel				
	Gas available for use through mains (a)		Total electricity generated		Pig iron		Iron ore pellets (b)	Raw steel (c)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted
	million megajoules	million megajoules	million kWh	million kWh	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes
1975-76	203,623	..	76,597	..	7,519	..	9,980	7,937	..
1976-77	231,882	..	82,522	..	6,958	..	9,761	7,473	..
1977-78	255,310	..	85,984	..	7,096	..	9,299	7,532	..
1977-78p -									
Oct.	19,350	18,795	6,665	6,685	564	553	952	638	601
Nov.	19,353	20,783	6,692	7,093	549	571	869	557	567
Dec.	18,255	21,399	6,715	7,231	546	538	733	594	578
Jan.	17,044	21,570	6,544	7,289	592	579	611	669	654
Feb.	18,049	21,745	6,420	7,262	597	633	607	603	651
Mar.	19,941	21,862	7,098	7,423	673	650	898	675	651
Apr.	20,603	22,103	6,866	7,315	613	631	741	573	617
May	23,417	22,182	7,676	7,275	651	632	613	706	670
June	25,888	22,385	8,070	7,355	646	656	748	694	731
1978-79									
July	27,472	22,598	8,555	7,484	594	602	591	627	633
Aug.	26,776	22,145	8,410	7,482	599	581	688	551	548
Sept.	22,886	21,231	7,518	7,336	577	579	1,007	593	586
Oct.	22,622	21,724	7,385	7,384	626	617	877	660	617
Nov.	22,383	24,217	7,113	7,540	573	601	1,024	597	617
Period	Iron and steel - continued				Building materials				
	Blooms and slabs		Tinplate		Clay bricks		Roofing tiles (terracotta and concrete)	Sawn Aust. grown timber (d)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted			
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	million	million	'000	'000 cu. metres	
1975-76	5,566	..	282,241	..	1,834	..	218,645	3,462	
1976-77	6,028	..	340,556	..	2,042	..	229,892	3,468	
1977-78	6,517	..	333,026	..	1,895	..	204,702	3,538	
1977-78p -									
Oct.	587	554	31,625	29,839	159	154	15,909	327	
Nov.	483	477	27,974	27,271	171	158	21,003	287	
Dec.	524	512	31,251	31,126	140	158	14,810	266	
Jan.	583	574	29,922	26,633	101	160	7,507	202	
Feb.	522	561	28,341	32,164	156	160	16,684	306	
Mar.	550	570	26,773	27,296	164	162	17,567	283	
Apr.	475	523	20,173	20,071	151	154	16,614	302	
May	547	546	26,666	26,434	171	153	19,279	316	
June	581	568	26,175	26,484	165	156	16,588	308	
1978-79									
July	618	619	25,406	25,631	149	146	15,765	257	
Aug.	542	540	28,286	27,053	162	145	17,938	294	
Sept.	565	539	31,231	31,195	159	151	16,793	257	
Oct.	576	540	31,588	29,352	167	154	13,958	n.y.a.	
Nov.	516	511	28,104	27,909	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

(a) Includes natural gas. (b) Gross wet weight. (c) Includes recovery from scrap. (d) Source: Australian Forestry and Timber Bureau. Figures are expressed in terms of green off sawn volumes.

**PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS, BUILDING FITTINGS,
FLOOR COVERINGS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES**

Period	Building materials — continued						Household appliances				
	Portland cement			Building fittings			Floor coverings (a)		Electric blankets including mattress overlays (b)	Electric propeller type fans (complete) (c)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Plaster sheets (non-acoustic)	Plaster of paris	Baths C.I.P.L. and other	Wash basins earthen-ware	Sinks-stainless steel	Original	Seasonally adjusted	No.	No.
'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 sq.m.	'000 tonnes	No.	No.	No.	'000 sq.m.	'000 sq.m.	No.	No.	
1975-76	5,007	..	46,076	355	180,629	355,120	243,862	38,545	..	520,574	533,323
1976-77	5,039	..	50,503	387	178,694	297,278	259,683	35,004	..	599,117	499,210
1977-78	5,021	..	48,116	369	160,221	229,814	218,036	33,038	..	682,324	320,613
1977-78 p —											
Oct.	432	411	3,321	94.4	11,221	16,039	16,698	2,074	1,914	56,275	23,246
Nov.	472	440	5,655		11,621	18,997	19,287	3,254	2,837	75,745	51,115
Dec.	413	423	3,539		13,323	16,863	13,396	2,524	2,824	50,233	35,555
Jan.	278	412	1,410	79.5	3,721	5,480	6,933	977	2,176	16,547	18,842
Feb.	421	435	4,401		14,619	17,821	18,790	2,816	2,808	75,780	27,343
Mar.	423	423	4,207		14,924	18,509	17,958	3,000	2,788	84,074	24,057
Apr.	421	412	3,830	94.6	14,702	14,947	20,206	2,688	2,758	75,197	15,512
May	432	411	4,809		15,022	22,764	21,080	2,961	2,709	74,835	11,665
June	408	403	3,694		14,225	21,677	19,791	2,980	3,013	66,607	19,932
1978-79 —											
July	397	373	3,625	91.8	12,549	20,256	20,096	2,968	2,905	33,894	n.p.
Aug.	438	423	4,316		14,811	19,531	23,129	3,199	2,878	66,191	n.p.
Sept.	477	458	3,952		12,080	21,492	19,500	3,123	2,766	56,293	40,449
Oct.	436	411	4,247		15,215	22,085	18,733	3,268	2,945	69,465	33,764
Nov.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	3,078	2,707	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
Household appliances — continued											
Period	Domestic cooking stoves			Domestic refrigerators		Domestic clothes washing machines		Hot water jugs and kettles			
	Solid fuel	Gas (d) upright or elevated	Electric (e)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted				
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.				
1975-76	4,184	109,608	335,570	244,490	..	354,779	..	655,371			
1976-77	3,801	109,197	306,861	267,771	..	298,689	..	610,633			
1977-78	3,042	96,212	287,270	266,168	..	273,620	..	617,800			
1977-78 p —											
Oct.	178	4,439	21,865	24,607	22,067	24,944	22,362	54,630			
Nov.	321	10,259	29,725	27,204	22,257	26,209	21,811	65,123			
Dec.	240	6,614	21,805	18,258	19,753	17,521	21,525	50,007			
Jan.	(a)	2,514	10,883	12,565	20,879	10,527	20,958	17,845			
Feb.	(a)	8,931	24,605	23,965	24,139	21,463	22,842	56,434			
Mar.	230	8,335	25,642	20,140	19,814	21,733	22,062	55,955			
Apr.	222	8,073	23,820	14,742	18,409	18,896	23,255	52,207			
May	312	9,232	23,863	22,295	22,449	26,616	23,410	60,347			
June	302	8,576	24,754	23,097	23,698	26,932	26,283	52,273			
1978-79 —											
July	229	8,556	21,772	22,357	22,516	25,383	23,955	44,062			
Aug.	330	9,252	26,774	20,415	17,328	32,500	26,605	58,469			
Sept.	311	8,180	27,153	22,413	19,525	33,133	28,671	49,810			
Oct.	225	8,580	27,152	22,367	19,517	31,602	27,855	59,013			
Nov.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	25,736	20,555	37,289	30,464	n.y.a.			

(a) Excludes underfelts and underlays. (b) Excludes heating pads. (c) Excludes fans incorporated in other equipment or used with ducting. (d) Town, liquefied petroleum and natural gas stoves and ranges. Includes wall ovens. (e) Includes fixed ranges, wall ovens, cooking tops, grill-boilers and other ranges.

**PRODUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, ELECTRIC MOTORS, ENGINES,
DAIRY PRODUCTS, MEAT, AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERED**

Period	Household appliances — continued					Electric motors				Internal combustion engines — petrol (c)					
	Radios and radiograms		Television sets (a)		Room air-conditioners (b)	Under 1 hp		1 hp and over		Original	Seasonally adjusted				
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted						
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	'000	'000	'000	'000	No.	No.				
1975-76	83,895	..	531,806	..	53,446	3,765	..	317	..	358,790	..				
1976-77	50,300	..	525,202	..	64,009	2,926	..	313	..	291,596	..				
1977-78	20,947	..	329,878	..	62,621	2,451	..	312	..	249,993	..				
1977-78p															
Oct.	3,001	2,306	26,786	25,317	6,974	212	192	21.0	17.3	27,298	16,474				
Nov.	2,395	1,963	31,149	26,879	8,587	255	205	35.6	29.4	40,163	26,512				
Dec.	950	931	20,781	24,427	7,331	199	216	26.9	27.5	13,779	13,930				
Jan.	297	755	6,203	15,740	3,875	87	178	11.7	31.5	6,731	9,397				
Feb.	916	925	26,816	27,378	5,788	195	213	25.2	25.0	13,827	17,380				
Mar.	666	629	22,035	21,052	4,539	201	197	30.0	28.8	14,686	21,716				
Apr.	396	515	22,432	24,326	3,653	163	181	25.7	26.5	12,877	19,194				
May	351	419	26,392	25,004	3,873	169	165	29.5	29.2	9,241	18,957				
June	12,570	13,447	27,264	24,516	3,248	204	199	26.5	29.5	14,023	21,002				
1978-79p															
July	11,517	11,192	26,584	24,904	3,975	230	225	29.0	28.2	16,778	15,560				
Aug.	14,041	11,931	26,913	23,268	4,215	237	201	30.8	26.5	28,069	21,788				
Sept.	13,524	11,040	26,771	23,440	6,643	279	249	26.8	25.0	26,665	18,402				
Oct.	16,765	12,425	23,796	21,942	7,296	250	220	35.2	28.8	34,976	21,044				
Nov.	19,117	15,825	28,348	23,405	n.y.a.	276	222	33.6	27.8	31,189	20,570				
Period	Dairy products (factory production)					Meat (carcass weight)					Dressed weight of poultry slaughtered (f)				
	Whole milk for all purposes		Butter (d)	Non-processed processed milk products		Beef and veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat	Total					
	Original	Seasonally adjusted		million litres (g)						Original	Seasonally adjusted				
	million litres	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	million litres (g)	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes				
1975-76	6,248.2	..	147,635	112,617	630.8	1,840.4	325.5	262.2	173.8	2,602.0	..	204.2			
1976-77	5,773.0	..	118,214	103,549	734.0	1,987.8	303.7	245.5	185.1	2,722.1	..	218.2			
1977-78	5,167.6	..	111,722	115,447	712.1	2,183.8	260.8	252.8	199.1	2,896.5	..	245.7			
1977-78p															
Nov.	675.8	432.6	18,337	15,342	97.1	191.4	21.3	25.4	17.6	265.7	262.5	21.0			
Dec.	605.2	415.6	14,660	13,976	85.9	151.4	29.6	20.5	16.5	218.0	243.0	20.4			
Jan.	478.1	387.4	10,470	11,248	72.6	159.7	28.6	21.2	13.5	223.0	255.1	20.6			
Feb.	420.3	463.5	9,106	9,100	59.6	165.5	26.0	18.0	14.9	224.4	238.4	20.0			
Mar.	371.6	457.4	6,906	7,930	49.8	186.7	23.8	20.1	16.4	247.1	247.3	19.8			
Apr.	278.4	443.7	4,175	5,868	31.5	169.2	15.6	18.2	15.7	218.6	223.8	20.5			
May	235.5	437.9	2,702	4,293	21.1	200.3	17.8	19.5	18.6	256.2	235.1	21.6			
June	224.0	452.0	2,360	4,175	19.7	189.6	9.9	16.5	17.4	233.4	218.7	20.7			
1978-79p															
July	295.1	458.5	3,758	5,422	42.5	179.7	10.7	16.7	16.7	223.8	216.2	20.8			
Aug.	446.5	469.3	8,485	9,745	71.2	185.1	13.8	22.6	18.1	239.7	228.1	21.4			
Sept.	587.1	476.3	13,335	14,141	92.8	175.8	16.4	26.5	16.2	234.8	231.0	22.4			
Oct.	751.4	487.6	17,454	16,798	114.2	186.0	24.1	31.7	17.2	259.0	246.0	23.1			
Nov.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	186.7	26.5	26.4	18.1	257.7	253.0	n.y.a.			
Dec.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	150.2	21.5	20.3	16.2	208.1	240.9	n.y.a.			

(a) Includes combinations with radio and/or record player. (b) Includes package unit air conditioners. (c) Includes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor, aero, etc., and marine engines. (d) Includes the butter equivalent of butter oil production. Source: Prior to July 1977, Commonwealth Dairy Producers' Equalisation Committee Ltd and State Departments of Agriculture; from July 1977, source is Australian Dairy Corporation and State Departments of Agriculture. (e) See footnote (d) for Source. (f) Dressed weight of all birds (chickens, other fowls, ducks and drakes, and turkeys) including pieces and giblets. (g) Whole milk equivalent.

PRODUCTION OF FLOUR, SUGAR, BEER, TOBACCO, CHEMICALS, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TYRES

Chemicals and allied products												
Period	Wheaten flour	Refined sugar (a)	Beer (b)		Tobacco and cigarettes		Sulphuric acid (100%)		Super phosphate (d)	Paints		
			Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original (c)	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Ready mixed paints and enamels	Lacquers nitro-cellulose	
'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	'000 litres	
1975-76	1,240	723.2	1,932	..	31,161	..	1,295	..	2,185	220	91.0	4,909
1976-77	1,182	737	1,939	..	29,846	..	1,721	..	3,137	202	89.2	4,392
1977-78 ps	1,087	73	1,983	..	30,389	..	1,820	..	3,474	217	86.3	4,299
1977-78p												
Oct.	84	63.1	164	160	2,275	2,192	135	138	205	18.19	6.62	287
Nov.	95	72.9	196	170	2,945	2,623	157	153	338	19.75	8.88	459
Dec.	78	67.8	199	164	2,147	2,567	158	139	315	17.47	6.87	339
Jan.	78	61.5	169	168	1,231	2,431	172	157	270	20.36	5.10	203
Feb.	89	60.2	163	170	2,999	2,864	160	153	317	15.11	7.20	409
Mar.	92	68.7	178	167	2,989	2,738	170	164	357	18.78	7.87	435
Apr.	94	60.3	156	168	2,212	2,253	189	167	416	20.36	6.43	327
May	101	55.9	166	166	2,193	2,037	177	163	377	19.58	7.84	416
June	91	51.2	138	163	2,939	2,586	147	160	283	11.17	7.11	362
1978-79p												
July	86	55.8	139	162	2,850	2,540	117	153	210	18.27	6.86	391
Aug.	106	63.4	151	160	2,656	2,340	113	143	176	16.10	7.29	409
Sept.	n.y.a.	65.6	138	146	1,808	2,159	145	149	246	18.80	7.17	451
Oct.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	169	157	2,461	2,254	156	159	272	21.93	7.08	431
Nov.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	195	171	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	151	146	286	26.55	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
Motor vehicles (e)												
Period	Cars and station wagons		Utilities and panel vans		Trucks and truck-type vehicles		Total motor vehicles (f)		Pneumatic tyres: motor cycle, car, truck, aero. etc. (g)			
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Utilities	Panel vans	Seasonally adjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	'000		
1975-76	369,339	..	25,179	29,857	..	30,988	..	456,164	..	8,384		
1976-77	367,272	..	24,902	26,031	..	33,294	..	452,483	..	7,859		
1977-78	315,392	..	20,920	19,371	..	28,678	..	385,005	..	7,130		
1977-78p												
Oct.	13,744	12,435	1,303	1,040	2,254	1,382	1,319	17,515	15,844	405		
Nov.	33,166	29,087	2,232	2,272	3,942	2,772	2,650	40,491	35,865	650		
Dec.	23,874	27,806	1,786	1,723	3,985	1,991	2,312	29,391	34,508	599		
Jan.	10,892	33,008	751	548	3,886	943	2,478	13,142	38,458	278		
Feb.	28,540	28,820	1,953	1,703	3,698	2,453	2,498	34,683	35,257	662		
Mar.	31,090	29,198	1,856	1,724	3,420	2,472	2,467	37,242	35,333	631		
Apr.	27,450	28,357	1,784	1,281	3,072	2,404	2,465	33,040	34,370	569		
May	32,522	27,217	2,015	1,493	3,067	2,966	2,613	39,094	32,568	649		
June	28,657	26,886	1,685	1,484	2,943	2,946	2,724	34,844	32,645	680		
1978-79p												
July	31,845	31,422	1,849	1,382	2,963	2,966	2,719	38,093	37,542	659		
Aug.	25,093	22,842	1,509	1,269	2,561	3,039	2,515	31,023	27,627	726		
Sept.	31,514	28,720	1,811	1,210	2,606	2,741	2,341	37,349	33,855	689		
Oct.	34,693	30,033	1,655	1,253	2,791	3,181	3,057	40,843	35,552	680		
Nov.	36,431	31,137	1,726	1,070	2,436	2,804	2,609	42,114	36,352	n.y.a.		

(a) Source: Monthly figures, Department of Primary Industry. (b) Excludes waste beer. (c) Source: Department of Business and Consumer Affairs. (d) Includes double and triple superphosphate and ammonium phosphate expressed in terms of single superphosphate, i.e. 22% P₂O₅ equivalent. (e) Finished and partly finished motor vehicles. (f) Includes buses and ambulances. (g) Source: Australian Tyre Manufacturers Association Limited.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL YARNS AND TEXTILES

Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool (a)								
Period	Total receipts	Percentage of total received by brokers (b)	Scoured and carbonised wool (c)	Yarns (d)				
				Cotton		Wool		Cellulosic fibre (including mixtures) Original
				Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
	'000 tonnes		'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1975-76	686.9	76.5	69.9	24,761	..	22,558	..	3,676
1976-77	628.0	75.9	72.8	20,886	..	19,345	..	2,422
1977-78 p.v.	614.4	74.7	72.3	22,402	..	19,808	..	1,461
1977-78p								
Oct.	95.0	78.5	18.1	1,617	1,541	1,263	1,209	89
Nov.	86.3	77.4		2,143	1,921	2,131	1,886	152
Dec.	49.1	73.2		1,644	2,092	1,340	1,696	129
Jan.	26.9	75.6		721	1,821	771	1,700	64
Feb.	32.7	74.2	18.6	1,759	1,787	1,875	1,790	85
Mar.	38.9	67.9		1,899	1,764	1,800	1,735	80
Apr.	30.2	67.9		1,758	1,922	1,694	1,782	101
May	29.6	68.9		2,103	1,832	1,862	1,600	117
June	21.0	62.0	21.3	2,227	1,979	1,753	1,674	81
1978-79p								
July	28.8	71.1	n.y.a.	2,061	1,957	1,763	1,690	83
Aug.	73.0	76.1		2,074	1,759	1,862	1,579	60
Sept.	88.2	76.5		2,105	1,830	1,816	1,711	85
Oct.	107.5	78.0		1,793	1,662	1,753	1,582	113
Nov.	90.9	75.9		1,856	1,708	1,853	1,702	n.y.a.

Textiles									
Woven cloth (d) (e)									
Period	Cotton (f)		Wool (g)		Cellulosic fibre		Synthetic fibre		Blankets (h)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	
1975-76	46,661	..	8,376	..	16,725	..	97,810	..	2,031
1976-77	39,608	..	6,539	..	16,595	..	96,883	..	1,581
1977-78	36,964	..	6,530	..	15,171	..	103,449	..	1,449
1977-78p									
Oct.	2,748	2,541	451	436	1,221	1,108	7,535	6,949	63
Nov.	3,311	3,089	730	563	1,349	1,209	10,999	10,088	139
Dec.	2,856	3,220	496	567	983	1,123	7,928	9,677	94
Jan.	1,257	3,154	295	571	288	1,075	7,538	9,854	50
Feb.	3,070	3,094	568	510	1,251	1,324	8,497	8,534	115
Mar.	3,125	2,946	648	563	1,321	1,250	8,481	8,364	127
Apr.	2,847	3,219	590	616	1,302	1,273	7,896	8,532	133
May	3,165	2,936	569	514	1,592	1,453	8,862	7,911	159
June	3,559	3,102	572	655	1,632	1,391	10,158	8,480	153
1978-79p									
July	3,992	3,899	592	631	1,452	1,370	9,537	8,913	132
Aug.	3,762	3,388	696	636	1,652	1,434	9,718	8,300	117
Sept.	4,314	3,534	645	640	1,554	1,399	9,193	8,344	77
Oct.	3,826	3,515	795	727	1,744	1,582	10,479	9,378	83
Nov.	3,652	3,416	792	638	1,557	1,375	10,133	9,196	n.y.a.

(a) Amounts of taxable wool received by brokers and dealers from wool producers. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) As from April 1976, published on a quarterly basis. (d) Includes mixtures predominantly of the fibre named. (e) Over 30 centimetres wide. (f) Excludes towels and towelling. (g) Excludes blanketing and rug material. (h) Prior to 1975-76 excludes tufted blankets.

PRODUCTION OF CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS

Clothing										
Period	Hosiery		Men's and youths			Shirts, men's and boys'	Underwear		Boots, shoes and sandals (c)	
	Men's	Women's full length (a)	Short length coats and jackets (b)		Sports trousers		Men's and boys'	Women's and girls'		
			Suit	Other						
'000 doz. pairs	'000 doz. pairs	'000	'000	'000	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 pairs			
1975-76	2,007	6,316	825	1,148	4,344	2,861	2,125	3,647	30,224	
1976-77	1,881	6,030	773	892	4,071	2,501	2,382	3,945	26,756	
1977-78	1,643	5,197	696	682	4,137	2,723	2,380	3,391	28,02	
1977-78p										
Oct.	108	367	75.9	41.1	36.5	278	181	313	2,228	
Nov.	153	375	68.7	52.5	393	326	261	366	2,666	
Dec.	123	430	58.0	38.6	306	206	199	278	1,970	
Jan.	68	173	17.9	22.4	129	77	65	101	1,141	
Feb.	133	487	49.8	65.1	370	206	207	287	2,408	
Mar.	133	473	48.6	72.2	397	197	211	299	2,501	
Apr.	133	497	49.9	86.0	378	191	170	262	2,378	
May	150	474	58.7	86.7	429	223	204	283	2,624	
June	164	535	54.9	52.4	323	230	186	254	2,677	
1978-79p										
July	155	495	58.8	58.9	321	246	184	259	2,715	
Aug.	169	544	68.0	60.2	349	305	207	262	2,950	
Sept.	168	500	71.9	50.2	348	243	162	249	2,762	
Oct.	168	630	69.7	57.5	368	279	186	284	2,980	
Nov.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	
Period	Lawn mowers petrol (rotary)		Motor spirit (d)	Aviation turbine fuel (d)	Furnace fuel (d)	Plastics and synthetic resins (e)	Margarine			
	Original	Seasonally adjusted					Newspaper	Soap	Table	Other
No.	No.	million litres	million litres	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	
1975-76	334,857	..	12,501	2,088	4,340	407	206,227	58,154	43,211	55,899
1976-77	307,173	..	13,056	2,115	4,604	464	206,590	57,281	69,140	51,620
1977-78	272,344	..	14,073	2,277	4,138	494	207,621	55,978	80,733	43,737
1977-78p										
Oct.	37,295	20,412	1,146	206	416	36.8	18,155	4,446	7,411	4,141
Nov.	52,744	33,200	1,152	227	332	45.2	17,102	5,205	6,650	3,876
Dec.	17,469	16,716	1,225	197	338	36.6	13,870	3,973	4,733	2,617
Jan.	10,655	14,816	1,176	203	359	38.8	16,323	2,268	8,373	2,544
Feb.	19,033	20,910	1,024	195	305	43.4	16,810	5,125	7,458	3,187
Mar.	18,958	23,632	1,221	198	328	45.0	18,293	4,623	6,179	3,203
Apr.	10,919	17,745	1,119	167	281	42.2	17,932	4,747	7,670	3,686
May	8,361	23,321	1,346	187	353	44.7	18,128	5,123	6,544	3,359
June	15,278	27,448	1,144	170	356	39.7	17,337	5,046	8,110	4,911
1978-79p										
July	17,236	20,941	1,246	153	397	43.5	19,117	5,339	6,091	4,083
Aug.	35,862	28,632	1,190	190	359	48.4	18,851	5,666	7,804	4,398
Sept.	40,015	26,428	1,070	181	347	44.3	18,020	5,019	8,667	4,130
Oct.	48,782	27,030	1,022	158	431	43.6	18,424	5,301	9,074	4,006
Nov.	43,681	27,395	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	17,114	4,983	n.s.a.	n.s.a.

(a) Includes panty hose. (b) Excludes plastic coats and dust coats. (c) Includes slippers of cemented, vulcanised moulded rubber and injection-moulded plastic construction. (d) Source: Department of National Resources. (e) Liquid resins or emulsion forms are shown in terms of dry weight of resin content.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a)

Period	Cars and station wagons		Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)		Total (excluding motor cycles)		Motor cycles	Total motor vehicles
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
1975-76	454,637	..	129,726	..	584,363	..	60,917	644,380
1976-77	447,102	..	134,709	..	581,811	..	50,321	632,132
1977-78	432,439	..	131,478	..	563,917	..	38,049	601,966
1977-78								
Nov.	36,450	35,502	10,566	10,220	47,016	45,722	3,309	50,325
Dec.	35,177	36,589	10,295	10,911	45,472	47,500	3,102	48,574
Jan.	30,126	36,028	8,406	10,402	38,532	46,430	2,821	41,353
Feb.	33,615	36,948	9,767	11,206	43,382	48,154	3,028	46,410
Mar.	34,880	34,144	10,251	10,749	45,131	44,893	2,970	48,101
Apr.	37,108	36,705	11,223	11,135	48,331	47,840	3,135	51,466
May	40,279	36,094	12,808	11,231	53,087	47,325	3,242	56,329
June	38,133	36,941	13,364	11,783	51,497	48,724	2,601	54,098
1978-79								
July	38,175	37,698	12,194	11,410	50,369	48,108	2,776	53,145
Aug.	44,459	40,379	10,948	10,298	55,407	50,677	3,153	58,560
Sept.	41,587	43,024	9,830	10,327	51,417	53,351	2,937	54,354
Oct.	38,780	38,990	9,909	9,860	48,689	48,850	3,083	51,772
Nov.	39,125	37,440	9,859	9,530	48,984	46,970	3,025	52,009
Dec. p	34,799	38,207	8,492	9,286	43,291	47,493	3,275	46,566

(a) Registrations during period. Includes Government-owned vehicles except those belonging to the defence services. Excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

Period	Government railways				Shipping (a)					
	Goods and livestock				Overseas cargo					
					Shipped from Australian ports		Discharged at Australian ports		Interstate cargo shipped*	
	Tonnes consigned	Net tonne-kilometres	Passenger journeys	Gross earnings	Tonnes	Cubic metres	Tonnes	Cubic metres	Tonnes	Cubic metres
	'000	million	million	\$ million	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1974-75	94,798	29,791.6	340.0	809.4	164,866	2,926	21,893	8,029	28,454	3,143
1975-76	95,039	30,809.3	317.2	939.8	156,133	2,488	19,718	7,170	28,241	2,937
1976-77	99,789	p32,030.0	p326.9	n.y.a.	164,370	2,041	20,083	6,857	28,221	1,969
1976-77										
June	9,079	2,889.6	25.9	n.y.a.	12,169	149	1,572	597	1,982	158
1977-78										
July	8,429	2,983.3	28.7	91.0	13,824	218	1,812	538	2,131	160
Aug.	8,372	2,988.6	25.6	96.1	15,147	168	1,924	603	2,649	163
Sept.	8,774	2,987.0	27.2	94.9	13,201	218	1,881	444	2,312	156
Oct.	8,557	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	15,290	200	1,812	388	2,520	184
Nov.	8,088	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13,836	204	1,743	387	2,533	155
Dec.	7,525	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	14,622	190	1,979	401	2,046	244
Jan.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12,483	147	1,599	395	2,338	185
Feb.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12,407	141	1,912	358	2,231	223
Mar.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13,306	165	1,552	401	2,252	237
Apr.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13,088	152	1,786	337	1,900	224
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	14,083	201	1,809	417	2,228	234
June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12,883	160	1,847	392	2,461	266
1978-79p										
July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13,016	181	2,154	459	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Part of the shipping cargo is recorded in tonnes and part in cubic metres. As the total cannot be stated accurately as either tonnes or cubic metres each is recorded and published separately.

TELEPHONE AND TELEX SERVICES

Period	Telephone subscribers' services				Telex Services			
	Effective applications during period (a)	Services connected during period	Services cancelled during period	Services in operation at end of period	Effective applications during period (a)	Services connected during period	Services cancelled during period	Services in operation at end of period
	'000	'000	'000	'000				'000
1975-76	596.1	613.6	448.4	3,700	(b)3,986	(c)4,117	1,822	17.0
1976-77	666.5	665.7	456.9	3,907	4,610	4,538	2,015	19.6
1977-78	746.1	755.5	491.1	4,166	5,620	5,410	2,245	22.7
1977-78 —								
Aug.	62.0	63.5	41.3	3,948	520	484	188	20.1
Sept.	61.4	61.6	40.0	3,969	437	460	178	20.4
Oct.	55.8	56.3	36.4	3,988	337	387	154	20.6
Nov.	60.2	62.0	38.5	4,012	437	426	144	20.9
Dec.	51.6	56.4	37.9	4,030	287	375	159	21.1
Jan.	60.6	62.2	43.3	4,043	473	377	155	21.3
Feb.	67.0	62.2	39.9	4,065	462	416	180	21.6
Mar.	60.2	63.2	39.4	4,089	513	477	198	21.9
Apr.	63.8	60.6	41.5	4,104	474	451	213	22.1
May	74.3	76.8	48.8	4,132	522	521	216	22.4
June	70.8	78.4	44.6	4,166	686	581	257	22.7
1978-79 —								
July	65.5	65.0	41.9	4,189	541	486	190	23.0
Aug.	67.1	65.2	43.7	4,211	388	311	147	23.2
Sept.	68.4	65.4	43.9	4,232	583	529	219	23.5

(a) Demand for services, allowing for applications withdrawn during period. (b) From July 1975 includes in place services. (c) From July 1975 includes in place connections.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

(\$ million)

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Period	Invisible credits						Invisible debits					Balance on current account
	Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.	Balance of trade	Transportation and travel	Property income	Transfers	Other	Transportation and travel	Property income	Transfers	Other	
1975-76	9,408	7,924	1,484	1,274	343	359	226	2,112	1,552	701	428	1,108
1976-77	11,349	10,345	1,054	1,515	378	276	181	2,490	1,727	705	444	1,961
1977-78	12,042	11,176	866	1,644	362	411	224	2,655	1,906	815	588	2,458
1976-77 —												
June qtr	2,939	2,757	183	376	104	72	44	693	461	192	125	-692
1977-78 —												
Sept. qtr	3,015	2,829	185	380	85	86	45	675	510	237	136	-775
Dec. qtr	3,129	2,619	510	440	96	95	55	612	465	141	132	-154
Mar. qtr	2,792	2,847	-54	425	83	119	61	611	436	209	158	-782
June qtr	3,106	2,882	225	399	97	111	63	757	494	229	162	-748
1978-79 —												
Sept. qtr	3,046	3,088	-42	449	93	99	55	748	521	213	154	983

CAPITAL ITEMS

Period	Capital inflow					Monetary movements			
	Government		Private		Non-official monetary sector trans-actions	Net apparent capital inflow	Change in official reserve assets	Other trans-actions	Net official monetary movements
	Securities	Other	Trade credit	Other					
1975-76	46	176	104	588	-25	451	87	-1,053	32
1976-77	371	222	240	1,344	24	286	1,471	190	301
1977-78	1,627	129	-257	1,168	-4	496	1,916	474	68
1976-77 —									
June qtr	5	116	21	378	34	30	342	-352	2
1977-78 —									
Sept. qtr	482	59	138	86	47	379	19	584	-152
Dec. qtr	357	20	157	322	-18	403	81	43	30
Mar. qtr	467	40	78	230	-21	290	1,084	187	116
June qtr	321	-90	-40	530	-5	3	712	34	2
1978-79 —									
Sept qtr	424	28	-43	418	(a)	-53	774	205	4

(a) Not yet available, included in the balancing item.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)
(\$ million)

Period	Components of gross domestic product										
	Gross national expenditure	Plus Exports of goods and services	Less Imports of goods and services	Gross domestic product at factor cost							
				Gross domestic product			Wages, salaries and supplements	Gross operating surplus			
				Farm	Non-farm	Total		Trading enterprises		Financial enterprises, etc. (b)	Indirect taxes less subsidies
								Companies	Other		
ORIGINAL											
1975-76	70,920	10,907	10,464	3,706	67,657	71,363	40,589	8,313	14,066	-136	8,532
1976-77	82,656	13,095	13,279	4,192	78,280	82,472	45,773	10,016	16,937	-16	9,761
1977-78	90,737	13,910	14,419	4,054	86,113	90,227	50,129	10,710	18,947	74	10,368
1976-77											
June qtr	20,776	3,360	3,575	517	20,044	20,561	11,903	2,486	3,528	-1	2,645
1977-78											
Sept. qtr	22,134	3,440	3,640	924	21,010	21,934	12,718	2,608	4,651	14	2,446
Dec. qtr	23,800	3,624	3,362	1,646	22,415	24,061	12,876	3,038	5,676	12	2,459
Mar. qtr	21,969	3,277	3,615	887	20,744	21,631	12,244	2,328	4,452	34	2,571
June qtr	22,834	3,569	3,801	597	22,004	22,601	12,792	2,736	4,168	14	2,891
1978-79											
Sept. qtr	24,377	3,549	3,989	972	22,965	23,937	13,054	2,902	5,242	23	2,716
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED											
1976-77											
June qtr	21,614	3,352	3,597	1,121	20,248	21,369	11,917	2,475	4,455	-5	2,527
1977-78											
Sept. qtr	22,000	3,446	3,508	1,003	20,935	21,938	12,254	2,606	4,519	18	2,541
Dec. qtr	21,983	3,544	3,398	1,016	21,113	22,129	12,336	2,606	4,656	30	2,501
Mar. qtr	23,240	3,363	3,696	997	21,910	22,907	12,743	2,797	4,809	16	2,542
June qtr	23,653	3,558	3,823	1,032	22,356	23,388	12,871	2,725	5,020	10	2,762
1978-79											
Sept. qtr	24,540	3,553	3,844	1,326	22,923	24,249	13,139	2,903	5,365	26	2,816

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure*, (\$206.0). (b) Financial enterprises less imputed bank service charge.

COMPONENTS OF GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)
(\$ million)

Gross fixed capital expenditure											
Period	Final consumption expenditure		Dwellings	Private		Total private	Public enterprises	General government	Increase in stocks	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national expenditure
	Private	Government		building and construction	Other						
ORIGINAL											
1975-76	41,921	11,361	3,218	1,967	5,055	10,240	3,288	3,387	33	688	70,920
1976-77	48,022	13,301	4,038	1,938	6,040	12,016	3,668	3,477	1,073	1,100	82,656
1977-78	53,670	15,092	3,894	2,268	6,908	13,070	4,051	3,659	303	1,498	90,737
1976-77											
June qtr	12,462	3,567	1,011	493	1,651	3,155	1,066	1,118	51	643	20,776
1977-78											
Sept. qtr	12,744	3,548	1,031	568	1,555	3,154	921	785	77	904	22,134
Dec. qtr	13,966	3,852	974	635	1,743	3,352	1,057	950	248	375	23,800
Mar. qtr	12,953	3,633	916	474	1,537	2,927	947	811	69	767	21,969
June qtr	14,007	4,059	973	591	2,073	3,637	1,126	1,113	559	548	22,834
1977-78											
Sept. qtr	14,363	3,988	952	589	1,956	3,497	965	842	-136	859	24,377
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED											
1976-77											
June qtr	12,493	3,443	1,008	481	1,531	3,020	956	941	738	26	21,614
1977-78											
Sept. qtr	12,869	3,600	996	559	1,589	3,144	978	876	-	533	22,000
Dec. qtr	13,210	3,688	969	578	1,651	3,198	1,010	880	-339	336	21,983
Mar. qtr	13,555	3,887	957	551	1,733	3,241	1,047	970	82	458	23,240
June qtr	14,040	3,920	971	577	1,920	3,468	1,009	936	-64	344	23,653
1977-78											
Sept. qtr	14,499	4,046	920	579	1,998	3,497	1,026	938	62	472	24,540

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (\$206.0).

VALUE OF MAIN AGGREGATES AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES (a)
(\$ million)

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross capital expenditure		Increase in stocks	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national expenditure	Plus exports of goods and services	Less imports of goods and services	Expenditure on gross domestic product	Gross farm product	Gross non-farm product
	Private	Government	Private	Public								
ORIGINAL												
1975-76	36,283	9,871	8,820	5,802	55	644	61,475	10,124	9,387	62,212	3,892	58,320
1976-77	37,313	10,403	9,193	5,484	806	887	64,086	10,950	10,484	64,552	3,894	60,658
1977-78	38,200	10,953	9,173	5,482	387	1,092	64,513	11,303	10,023	65,793	3,694	62,099
1976-77 - June qtr	9,321	2,708	2,316	1,617	190	480	15,292	2,634	2,601	15,325	403	14,922
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	9,343	2,633	2,271	1,242	26	662	16,177	2,829	2,561	16,445	807	15,638
Dec. qtr	10,017	2,793	2,373	1,438	436	269	17,326	3,082	2,355	18,053	1,709	16,344
Mar. qtr	9,138	2,633	2,040	1,236	191	543	15,401	2,618	2,526	15,493	790	14,703
June qtr	9,702	2,894	2,489	1,564	658	382	15,609	2,774	2,581	15,802	388	15,414
1978-79 - Sept. qtr	9,730	2,791	2,361	1,249	165	586	16,552	2,675	2,635	16,592	709	15,883
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1976-77 - June qtr	9,312	2,602	2,215	1,399	471	156	16,155	2,664	2,646	16,173	990	15,183
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	9,424	2,665	2,260	1,354	35	331	16,069	2,784	2,464	16,389	936	15,453
Dec. qtr	9,519	2,715	2,273	1,355	338	203	15,726	2,986	2,373	16,339	930	15,409
Mar. qtr	9,564	2,792	2,253	1,425	16	307	16,325	2,723	2,565	16,483	925	15,558
June qtr	9,690	2,782	2,373	1,352	71	348	16,473	2,804	2,625	16,652	918	15,734
1978-79 - Sept. qtr	9,811	2,825	2,356	1,362	89	258	16,701	2,633	2,535	16,799	1,078	15,721

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (\$206.0).

FINANCE

NEW MONEY RAISED BY LISTED COMPANIES IN AUSTRALIA AND BY INDUSTRY GROUP (a)
(\$ million)

Period	Manufacturing			Finance and property			Commerce		
	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.		Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.		Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	
		Total	Total		Total	Total		Total	Total
1975-76	115.0	142.1	257.1	68.5	853.3	921.8	57.5	20.8	78.3
1976-77	181.7	147.4	329.1	212.2	939.7	1,151.9	9.5	31.3	40.8
1977-78	142.3	146.0	288.3	100.9	907.3	1,008.2	41.9	50.2	92.1
1976-77 - June qtr	68.4	117.0	185.4	15.8	78.5	94.3	4.7	14.8	19.5
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	41.8	58.8	100.6	31.0	292.8	323.8	0.6	12.4	13.0
Dec. qtr	46.9	19.4	66.3	10.6	275.7	286.3	7.2	(b) 1.4	5.8
Mar. qtr	5.8	34.1	39.9	52.1	82.9	135.0	9.2	27.3	36.5
June qtr	47.8	33.7	81.5	7.2	255.9	263.1	24.9	11.9	36.8
1978-79 - Sept. qtr	11.4	66.6	78.0	44.6	243.8	288.4	3.1	(b) 8.9	(b) 5.8
Other industries									
All industries									
Period	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total
1975-76	91.3	78.2	169.5	332.3	1,094.4	1,426.7			
1976-77	68.1	91.0	159.1	471.3	1,209.6	1,680.9			
1977-78	64.5	26.6	91.1	349.6	1,130.4	1,480.0			
1976-77 - June qtr	21.4	(b) 5.5	15.9	110.2	204.8	315.0			
1977-78 - Sept. qtr	16.1	(b) 3.2	12.9	89.5	361.0	450.5			
Dec. qtr	21.9	35.8	57.7	86.7	329.5	416.2			
Mar. qtr	6.1	6.2	12.3	73.1	150.6	223.7			
June qtr	20.4	(b) 12.2	8.2	100.3	289.3	389.6			
1978-79 - Sept. qtr	40.2	(b) 4.0	36.2	99.3	297.6	396.9			

(a) Holding companies are classified according to the predominant activity of the group. (b) Excess of repayments over receipts of new money.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Accounts of trading banks								Commonwealth Government securities			
	Notes on issue		Statutory Reserve Deposit	Term Loan Fund	Farm Development Loan Fund	Other deposits of trading banks	Deposits of savings banks	All Other liabilities (a)	Gold and foreign exchange	Treasury bills and Treasury notes		All other assets
	Held by public	Total								Other		
June 1975	2,194.3	2,518.0	421.4	14.9	13.8	8.3	890.9	1,660.0	3,283.3	123.2	1,191.1	929.6
June 1976	2,554.9	2,920.2	840.5	11.5	15.0	12.3	1,014.1	1,019.5	2,432.8	877.6	1,451.9	1,070.8
June 1977	2,887.4	3,293.1	1,704.2	16.9	10.1	6.9	1,044.6	1,673.8	2,596.7	1,433.8	2,735.5	983.7
1977-78 -												
Nov.	3,040.6	3,458.7	1,144.5	46.7	20.1	8.0	1,193.8	2,537.4	2,790.2	2,449.9	2,403.2	762.8
Dec. (b)	3,263.1	3,786.0	1,163.5	39.6	14.3	4.6	1,121.8	2,651.3	2,875.7	2,671.5	2,323.7	910.3
Jan.	3,147.7	3,595.4	1,176.0	32.0	9.5	15.9	1,100.1	2,620.7	2,671.7	2,978.1	1,935.0	964.8
Feb.	3,108.8	3,558.4	1,187.2	31.8	8.3	6.4	1,056.8	2,746.5	2,627.9	2,971.3	1,955.3	1,040.6
Mar.	3,193.9	3,649.2	1,204.8	29.7	7.9	5.8	1,111.3	2,960.6	2,682.3	3,211.8	2,080.9	994.5
Apr.	3,192.7	3,723.1	1,040.5	25.8	4.3	23.7	1,168.0	2,792.8	3,102.6	2,455.9	2,405.0	814.5
May	3,210.7	3,654.6	757.0	20.8	1.8	5.3	1,141.0	2,710.4	2,973.5	1,779.2	2,638.3	899.9
June	3,237.0	3,687.5	734.0	7.9	0.2	5.8	1,104.4	2,800.5	3,087.4	1,787.0	2,660.2	810.7
1978-79												
July	3,270.0	3,716.3	718.4	4.3		5.3	1,147.3	2,743.4	2,972.0	1,937.9	2,662.1	763.2
Aug.	3,321.0	3,768.2	717.1	2.2		8.7	1,153.5	2,828.1	3,016.6	2,026.4	2,756.1	678.6
Sept.	3,366.8	3,798.6	667.0	14.5	7.6	5.8	1,133.7	3,029.3	3,116.3	2,213.7	2,657.2	669.3
Oct.	3,373.9	3,826.7	658.7	18.6	5.0	5.5	1,123.7	2,890.6	2,976.4	2,630.5	2,275.8	646.2
Nov.	n.y.a.	3,859.6	672.9	31.3	8.2	9.3	1,161.5	3,028.0	3,192.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	532.9
Dec.	n.y.a.	4,198.2	682.2	28.0	5.8	5.1	1,115.8	2,769.0	3,151.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	656.5

(a) Includes Special Reserve - I.M. - Special Drawing Rights, capital and reserves. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT : ADVANCES

<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>\$ million</i>	<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>\$ million</i>
June 1975	199.5	1977-78 -	
June 1976	208.9	May	524.5
June 1977	586.7	June	480.9
1977-78 -		1978-79 -	
Nov.	429.0	July	453.0
Dec. (a)	482.9	Aug.	398.5
Jan.	715.6	Sept.	341.5
Feb.	811.1	Oct.	291.2
Mar.	779.0	Nov.	250.0
Apr.	569.0	Dec.	244.6

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA : ADVANCES
(\$ million)

<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Hire purchase</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Hire purchase</i>	<i>Other</i>
June 1975	63.3	281.7	1977-78		
June 1976	68.3	301.0	May	93.4	350.2
June 1977	89.7	316.0	June	97.3	362.8
1977-78			1978-79		
Nov.	96.1	314.8	July	99.6	344.4
Dec. (a)	97.9	330.1	Aug.	100.4	342.9
Jan.	96.9	327.7	Sept.	100.1	341.6
Feb.	93.1	325.8	Oct.	100.4	339.3
Mar.	89.5	330.9	Nov.	103.1	337.2
Apr.	90.7	349.5	Dec.	105.6	353.0

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Deposits				Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government securities		Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans, advances and bills discounted (c)		
	Fixed	Current	Original	Total		Prepaid Treasury notes	Other			Original	Seasonally adjusted	
												Seasonally adjusted
June 1975	7,824	5,841	13,665	..	282.2	1,100.7	2,204.2	118.2	414.4	9,932	..	
June 1976	8,705	6,680	15,385	..	325.2	169.4	3,183.5	122.7	827.5	11,017	..	
June 1977	10,129	7,069	17,198	..	358.2	37.7	3,505.8	102.5	1,685.7	12,177	..	
1977-78												
Nov.	10,351	7,377	17,728	17,691	362.6	88.3	3,352.6	211.3	1,127.5	12,964	12,915	
Dec. (d)	10,288	7,572	17,860	17,614	454.0	83.0	3,423.0	151.3	1,145.9	12,970	12,974	
Jan.	10,417	7,639	18,056	17,502	394.4	218.4	3,741.2	176.3	1,158.	12,857	12,935	
Feb.	10,648	7,694	18,342	17,604	385.0	399.5	3,725.9	178.0	1,170.4	12,869	13,228	
Mar.	11,005	7,740	18,745	17,891	390.0	478.8	3,741.9	168.5	1,181.5	13,157	13,434	
Apr.	10,868	7,752	18,620	18,120	478.4	498.6	3,553.8	188.7	1,021.4	13,463	13,381	
May	10,417	7,473	17,890	18,091	381.5	150.3	3,377.6	219.5	74.8	13,757	13,580	
June	10,034	7,560	17,593	18,292	383.5	53.6	3,326.2	137.5	11.6	13,626	13,534	
1978-79												
July	10,071	7,566	17,637	18,444	380.8	49.5	3,334.8	151.6	706.6	13,685	13,567	
Aug.	10,683	7,572	18,255	18,856	384.3	170.1	3,404.6	216.1	705.1	13,962	13,953	
Sept.	10,964	7,636	18,600	19,108	370.4	202.6	3,616.0	302.5	655.5	14,116	14,133	
Oct.	11,155	7,796	18,951	19,176	382.4	166.6	3,848.8	236.5	647.2	14,516	14,278	
Nov.	11,218	8,015	19,232	19,189	390.9	365.6	3,832.4	142.0	660.6	14,488	14,426	
Dec.	11,138	8,463	19,601	19,334	479.3	417.5	3,810.0	139.8	669.6	14,683	14,680	

(a) Commonwealth Trading Bank, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd, The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd, The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd, and The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(per cent)

Average of weekly figures	<i>Liquid assets and Commonwealth Government securities</i>				Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans, advances and bills discounted (c)	Deposits not bearing interest
	<i>Cash and cash at Reserve Bank</i>	<i>Treasury bills and Treasury notes</i>	<i>Other Commonwealth and State Government securities</i>	<i>Total</i>			
June 1975	2.1	8.1	16.1	26.3	3.0	72.7	37.8
June 1976	2.1	1.1	20.7	23.9	5.4	71.6	38.5
June 1977	2.1	0.2	19.2	21.5	9.8	70.8	36.3
1977-78							
Nov.	2.1	0.5	18.9	21.5	6.4	73.1	37.2
Dec. (d)	2.5	0.5	19.2	22.2	6.4	72.6	38.2
Jan.	2.2	1.2	20.7	24.1	6.4	71.2	38.1
Feb.	2.1	2.2	20.3	24.6	6.4	70.2	37.7
Mar.	2.1	2.6	20.0	24.6	6.3	70.2	37.1
Apr.	2.6	2.7	19.1	24.3	5.5	72.3	37.2
May	2.1	0.8	18.9	21.9	4.2	76.9	37.3
June	2.2	0.3	18.9	21.4	4.1	77.5	38.0
1978-79							
July	2.2	0.3	18.9	21.4	4.0	77.6	38.0
Aug.	2.1	0.9	18.7	21.7	3.9	76.5	37.0
Sept.	2.0	1.1	19.4	22.5	3.5	75.9	36.7
Oct.	2.0	0.9	20.3	23.2	3.4	76.6	36.8
Nov.	2.0	1.9	19.9	23.9	3.4	75.3	37.4
Dec.	2.5	2.1	19.4	24.0	3.4	74.9	38.8

(a) See footnote (a) page 39. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS AND OVERDRAFT LIMITS
(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia)
(\$ million)

Weekly average to period ending second Wednesday of	<i>New and increased lending commitments (b)</i>				<i>Overdraft limits (c)</i>		
	<i>Term loan approvals</i>	<i>Farm development loan approvals</i>	<i>Overdraft approvals</i>	<i>Total approvals</i>	<i>Cancellations and reductions (d)</i>	<i>Net movement in limits</i>	<i>Overdraft limits outstanding (end of period)</i>
Year to July							
1976	6.1	2.0	95.9	104.1			
1977	6.4	2.8	95.7	104.9			
1978	8.5	3.3	114.8	126.6			
1977-78							
Oct.	6.3	2.8	116.8	125.9	(e)	(e)	(e)
Nov.	14.8	3.3	116.7	134.8			
Dec.	10.6	3.6	102.5	116.7			
Jan.	6.9	3.1	99.6	109.6			15,680.0
Feb.	7.7	2.8	102.4	112.8	70.7	31.7	15,806.7
Mar.	8.0	4.2	113.1	125.4	88.3	24.9	15,906.2
Apr.	6.9	3.8	116.5	127.1	58.3	58.2	16,197.0
May	7.9	3.3	132.0	143.2	85.0	47.0	16,385.1
June	10.2	3.4	136.3	149.8	94.4	41.9	16,594.7
1978-79							
July	8.1	4.1	144.0	156.1	94.4	49.6	16,793.2
Aug.	7.7	4.8	131.6	144.0	95.7	35.9	16,936.7
Sept.	10.9	4.4	120.0	135.3	90.9	29.1	17,082.2
Oct.	8.2	4.6	114.3	127.1	81.1	33.2	17,214.9
Nov.	8.3	4.4	120.0	132.7	95.9	24.1	17,311.5

(a) See footnote (a) on page 39. (b) Excludes commitments in respect of commercial bills, charge cards, temporary advances to woolbuyers. Includes bridging finance, personal instalment lending and lease financing. (c) Excludes commitments in respect of term loans and farm development loans. (d) Derived by subtracting weekly average of change in overdraft limits outstanding from overdraft approvals. Figures are approximations only due to unavoidable differences in the basis of compilation of the two series. (e) Due to changes in accounting procedures data are not available on a comparable basis with subsequent months.

ALL TRADING BANKS (a) : SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Deposits				Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government securities		Loans to authorised dealers in the short- term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans (other than loans to authorised dealers in the short- term money market), advances and bills discounted
	Fixed	Current		Total		Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other			
		Bearing interest	Not bearing interest							
June 1975	8,635.0	842.6	5,458.1	14,935.7	299.0	1,167.8	2,358.9	167.4	421.4	11,205.0
June 1976	9,778.0	927.4	6,249.4	16,954.8	345.6	191.0	3,410.9	182.3	840.5	12,578.3
June 1977	11,464.7	990.2	6,639.4	19,094.2	380.0	78.8	3,567.9	144.8	1,704.2	14,035.1
1977-78 -										
Nov.	11,838.0	924.5	6,991.5	19,754.0	385.8	125.3	3,636.6	250.6	1,144.5	14,958.4
Dec. (c)	11,761.8	897.1	7,227.9	19,886.8	479.0	117.4	3,707.7	182.4	1,163.5	14,970.8
Jan.	11,943.0	933.4	7,306.9	20,183.4	421.5	262.3	4,032.8	226.7	1,176.0	14,939.3
Feb.	12,204.7	970.5	7,334.6	20,509.8	410.3	452.7	4,008.8	219.6	1,187.2	14,997.6
Mar.	12,625.6	979.9	7,375.7	20,981.2	414.7	543.9	4,017.6	212.1	1,204.8	15,332.8
Apr.	12,415.4	1,023.8	7,346.2	20,785.4	506.6	570.9	3,824.4	237.9	1,040.5	15,597.1
May	11,976.7	977.3	7,081.0	20,035.0	407.1	210.0	3,653.1	260.4	757.0	15,894.8
June	11,596.0	1,045.0	7,105.3	19,746.3	409.4	97.9	3,609.1	190.9	734.0	15,777.2
1978-79 -										
July	11,667.3	1,055.2	7,101.9	19,824.4	405.9	92.5	3,623.2	215.2	718.4	15,874.6
Aug.	12,315.2	1,004.2	7,147.3	20,466.6	409.4	215.9	3,694.6	259.5	717.1	16,184.4
Sept.	12,652.5	983.3	7,219.6	20,855.5	396.2	245.7	3,921.1	358.9	667.0	16,356.9
Oct.	12,919.1	987.2	7,384.8	21,291.0	408.3	213.0	4,169.9	280.1	658.7	16,826.1
Nov.	13,018.5	996.8	7,613.9	21,629.2	416.9	430.1	4,159.3	192.6	672.9	16,823.7
Dec.	12,894.9	1,041.5	8,054.4	21,990.8	506.9	479.7	4,134.9	188.5	682.2	16,988.0

(a) Covers the major trading banks, and in addition Bank of New Zealand, Bank of Queensland Limited, Banque Nationale de Paris, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, State Bank of South Australia and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes one Wednesday.

ALL TRADING BANKS : DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS (a)
(Excluding debits to Australian Government Accounts at city branches in State capitals)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total
June 1975	4,052.6	3,334.9	870.1	494.1	579.3	131.2	23.9	95.4	9,581.5
June 1976	5,079.1	4,442.3	1,209.5	676.9	756.5	173.8	32.8	152.4	12,523.2
June 1977	5,443.8	5,209.3	1,421.8	789.7	875.5	184.0	36.3	150.7	14,111.2
1977-78 -									
Oct.	5,840.1	5,372.6	1,335.0	703.0	924.6	188.0	29.7	125.4	14,518.3
Nov.	6,236.5	5,267.4	1,379.9	773.0	993.7	199.3	32.2	134.0	15,017.9
Dec.	6,650.7	5,454.6	1,477.7	811.9	1,014.9	206.7	31.4	224.7	15,872.7
Jan.	6,761.7	5,105.6	1,271.7	726.1	956.9	169.5	28.7	155.0	15,175.3
Feb.	6,458.9	5,485.1	1,640.7	790.6	1,062.1	180.8	28.3	146.1	15,792.5
Mar.	5,626.4	4,774.6	1,258.0	747.6	963.2	179.3	29.6	146.6	13,725.3
Apr.	6,854.9	6,052.2	1,385.5	808.8	1,027.9	216.1	33.6	200.1	16,579.3
May	6,503.3	5,785.7	1,380.2	863.8	1,023.9	208.3	31.4	160.6	15,957.3
June	7,316.5	5,552.6	1,528.1	846.8	1,079.7	190.9	35.7	246.0	16,796.3
1978-79 -									
July	7,767.8	6,269.3	1,587.6	871.9	1,357.7	218.6	37.2	276.7	18,386.9
Aug.	6,806.9	6,048.0	1,307.5	781.8	1,072.2	194.0	34.7	340.2	16,585.2
Sept.	7,324.5	5,802.6	1,508.7	830.3	1,056.5	210.2	39.2	159.3	16,931.5
Oct.	6,814.6	5,425.5	1,416.8	785.0	1,070.0	208.6	34.8	150.5	15,905.8
Nov.	7,099.8	5,742.1	1,489.0	825.4	1,114.0	217.8	186.4	159.7	16,834.0

(a) Includes the banks listed in footnote (a) above, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank.

SAVINGS BANKS : SELECTED ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (a)
(*\$ million*)

<i>At end of</i>	<i>Coin, bullion and notes</i>	<i>Deposits with Reserve Bank</i>	<i>Deposits with trading banks</i>	<i>Commonwealth and State Government securities (b)</i>	<i>Local and semi-government securities</i>	<i>Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market</i>	<i>Loans, advances and bills discounted</i>	
							<i>Housing</i>	<i>Other</i>
June 1975	32.6	907.6	391.0	2,962.1	(c)3,285.2	80.2	4,717.4	(c)573.6
June 1976	40.4	1,053.8	266.2	2,824.7	3,893.6	70.1	6,049.7	695.3
June 1977	40.4	1,055.6	169.3	2,720.7	4,461.4	70.8	7,258.7	775.1
1977-78								
Oct.	40.4	1,208.2	210.0	2,857.0	4,597.3	56.0	7,639.7	869.6
Nov.	55.8	1,177.3	181.0	2,779.2	4,649.1	55.0	7,711.9	885.3
Dec.	55.2	1,096.8	203.9	2,892.6	4,720.5	96.9	7,821.1	827.8
Jan.	51.1	1,093.6	214.4	2,954.9	4,763.3	87.4	7,875.2	835.5
Feb.	54.1	1,034.2	239.5	3,086.4	4,791.5	102.9	7,940.3	839.7
Mar.	46.0	1,158.6	183.3	2,967.3	4,840.2	49.8	8,098.9	863.9
Apr.	42.6	1,167.8	211.2	2,825.1	4,854.6	100.9	8,208.2	816.9
May	51.0	1,109.2	195.9	2,752.3	4,854.9	73.1	8,306.6	868.1
June	45.0	1,122.6	199.9	2,672.6	4,880.2	139.1	8,393.8	813.9
1978-79								
July	49.7	1,158.0	197.6	2,706.2	4,911.6	55.2	8,458.9	867.2
Aug.	36.3	1,138.3	223.1	2,704.2	4,964.6	109.2	8,533.9	942.7
Sept.	39.7	1,120.3	247.2	2,731.5	5,012.8	79.7	8,685.7	1,003.5
Oct.	50.3	1,131.8	190.1	2,828.9	5,079.6	76.1	8,782.8	991.4
Nov.	58.9	1,184.0	186.9	2,813.5	5,135.7	66.5	8,878.5	958.1

(a) Includes External Territories. (b) Includes Treasury bills and Treasury notes. (c) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

SAVINGS BANKS : DEPOSITORS' BALANCES
(*\$ million*)

<i>At end of</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Australia</i>	
									<i>Original (a)</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>
June 1975	3,835.9	(b)4,668.5	1,618.2	1,394.6	779.4	382.3	71.4	118.2	(b)12,868.5	(b)12,899.1
June 1976	4,348.9	5,377.6	1,940.3	1,617.3	897.7	430.6	76.3	133.8	14,822.5	14,838.1
June 1977	4,803.2	5,977.5	2,148.7	1,780.8	960.5	477.1	74.7	142.7	16,365.3	16,401.4
1977-78										
Oct.	4,963.9	6,229.5	2,323.4	1,830.6	1,007.3	501.6	77.4	148.2	17,082.0	16,866.4
Nov.	4,965.2	6,224.7	2,332.4	1,838.1	1,013.3	503.8	77.1	148.6	17,103.2	16,981.3
Dec.	4,997.7	6,283.8	2,347.4	1,870.6	1,017.0	503.7	76.9	150.8	17,247.9	17,131.7
Jan.	5,037.3	6,353.7	2,350.6	1,879.6	1,026.3	508.0	73.6	150.6	17,379.6	17,340.8
Feb.	5,079.2	6,419.4	2,364.2	1,899.6	1,034.5	520.5	72.9	152.8	17,543.1	17,515.6
Mar.	5,060.4	6,379.8	2,343.7	1,892.4	1,028.5	521.2	72.2	154.5	17,452.7	17,528.1
Apr.	5,060.8	6,365.6	2,337.9	1,880.8	1,019.8	517.9	73.4	152.4	17,408.7	17,681.3
May	5,158.0	6,423.4	2,385.1	1,897.6	1,031.5	523.7	74.2	156.2	17,649.7	17,934.0
June	5,284.6	6,552.5	2,446.5	1,945.3	1,048.5	530.5	76.4	162.0	18,046.3	18,065.4
1978-79										
July	5,310.3	6,664.3	2,463.9	1,952.4	1,051.2	539.6	78.7	161.4	18,221.8	18,268.2
Aug.	5,354.3	6,722.0	2,494.4	1,961.0	1,057.8	550.2	80.1	161.6	18,381.4	18,358.3
Sept.	5,394.0	6,780.4	2,519.1	1,971.7	1,075.0	550.0	80.9	165.9	18,537.0	18,388.4
Oct.	5,432.2	6,819.0	2,524.5	1,980.6	1,079.5	555.1	81.1	163.5	18,635.5	18,397.3
Nov.	5,435.8	6,835.6	2,533.9	1,988.0	1,083.2	554.9	81.5	163.9	18,677.2	18,540.7

(a) Interest added 1974-75, \$513.9m; 1975-76, \$613.4m; 1976-77, \$715.4m; 1977-78, \$789.4m. (b) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

FINANCE COMPANIES : AMOUNT FINANCED (CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF FINANCE AGREEMENT)
(£ million)

Other consumer and commercial loans										
Period	Instalment credit for retail sales	Personal loans (a)	Wholesale finance	Factoring	Finance for housing			Other commercial loans		
					Purchase of existing housing	Construction of housing (b)	Purchase of individual residential blocks of land	Construction other than housing	Other purposes (c)	Total amount financed
AUSTRALIA										
1975-76	1,382.6	520.8	2,873.6	237.4	418.1	439.4	132.4	421.8	1,223.3	7,649.5
1976-77	1,530.3	647.4	3,883.1	247.1	516.1	514.3	165.1	571.0	1,442.2	9,516.8
1977-78	1,516.9	689.9	4,089.1	290.1	493.3	416.7	159.8	751.4	1,785.2	10,192.4
1977-78 —										
Aug.	132.8	57.2	347.0	26.1	44.1	40.0	14.5	55.4	141.0	858.7
Sept.	131.4	54.0	332.2	26.0	42.3	33.8	13.9	56.8	146.7	837.1
Oct.	124.6	52.6	296.8	23.5	37.7	36.3	13.3	49.9	135.6	770.3
Nov.	132.3	63.1	366.6	25.9	41.4	35.1	14.4	64.7	120.3	863.9
Dec.	127.6	57.2	335.3	24.8	47.3	38.0	15.2	78.1	194.3	917.6
Jan.	114.6	46.7	241.1	14.8	31.6	25.5	10.1	63.4	141.2	688.8
Feb.	115.2	52.5	313.6	23.0	40.0	27.2	12.9	47.4	138.8	770.5
Mar.	123.3	57.0	357.3	27.3	40.4	31.2	12.7	55.6	137.6	842.5
Apr.	122.0	57.4	361.2	24.7	35.3	32.8	9.9	63.6	115.5	822.5
May	138.6	70.0	417.6	26.1	44.6	38.2	16.3	74.9	164.5	990.9
June	128.8	69.1	397.8	28.2	46.3	38.3	13.7	81.5	189.9	993.6
1978-79										
July	125.3	59.2	397.5	24.6	43.2	34.0	11.0	80.1	178.5	953.3
Aug.	135.8	64.7	388.3	27.9	41.2	39.9	13.0	83.6	175.4	969.8
Sept.	127.9	57.9	380.8	27.2	41.9	38.1	12.2	57.5	170.6	914.1
STATES - AUGUST 1978										
N.S.W.	47.8	23.3	146.9	(d)	10.8	11.6	2.9	28.2	69.5	340.9
Vic.	30.0	19.8	117.6	(d)	8.1	8.6	1.7	30.5	56.2	272.5
Qld	21.6	10.4	54.4	(d)	8.1	9.1	3.9	8.0	15.7	131.3
S.A.	11.9	(e)5.2	(e)41.4	(d)	4.6	3.6	1.3	3.2	3.5	71.8
W.A.	15.2	3.0	39.8	—	8.3	4.3	2.4	10.0	19.7	102.7
Tas.	5.2	1.5	10.2	—	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.7	19.1
N.T.	1.1	(e)	(e)	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.3
A.C.T.	3.1	1.5	5.9	—	0.6	2.4	0.4	3.2	9.1	26.2
STATES - SEPTEMBER 1978										
N.S.W.	45.3	21.9	147.5	(d)	12.0	11.6	2.2	13.0	66.8	320.3
Vic.	27.6	17.1	114.3	(d)	7.3	7.6	1.6	21.1	57.4	254.1
Qld	21.4	9.6	54.6	(d)	8.4	7.7	5.0	10.2	13.3	130.2
S.A.	11.0	(e)4.4	(e)39.7	(d)	4.0	3.9	1.2	2.4	4.2	68.6
W.A.	13.0	2.6	37.1	—	9.2	4.3	1.7	9.5	10.4	87.6
Tas.	5.2	1.3	10.6	—	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.2	3.0	20.1
N.T.	1.1	(e)	(e)	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.8
A.C.T.	3.3	1.0	4.3	—	0.5	2.5	0.3	1.1	15.5	28.5

(a) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost less than \$10,000 to existing dwelling units. (b) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost \$10,000 or more to existing dwelling units. (c) Includes loans for the purpose of developing tracts of land into residential blocks. (d) Not available separately: included in "wholesale finance". (e) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

FINANCE COMPANIES : BALANCES OUTSTANDING CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF FINANCE AGREEMENT
(\$ million)

At end of -	Instalment credit for retail sales	Personal loans	Wholesale finance	Factoring	Other consumer and commercial loans					Total all contracts
					Finance for housing		Other commercial loans			
					Contracts including charges	Contracts excluding charges	Contracts including charges	Contracts excluding charges		
AUSTRALIA										
1975-76	2,233.0	801.0	589.3	51.3	1,368.9	1,021.2	946.1	2,238.3	9,249.1	
1976-77	2,601.1	1,048.2	925.9	60.9	1,639.4	1,061.3	1,168.9	2,599.0	11,104.8	
1977-78	2,804.0	1,215.6	1,078.4	78.9	1,752.9	965.9	1,277.1	2,647.6	11,820.5	
1977-78 -										
Aug.	2,646.2	1,081.8	954.0	66.5	1,660.2	1,041.4	1,200.5	2,517.9	11,168.5	
Sept.	2,667.7	1,094.0	980.1	69.6	1,670.3	1,043.0	1,210.1	2,524.4	11,259.1	
Oct.	2,689.3	1,105.6	979.3	71.5	1,671.4	1,035.6	1,220.9	2,515.6	11,289.3	
Nov.	2,715.0	1,125.8	1,008.5	72.7	1,681.9	1,023.4	1,234.4	2,599.4	11,461.1	
Dec.	2,743.2	1,137.7	1,023.5	73.4	1,699.4	1,017.0	1,240.8	2,621.6	11,556.6	
Jan.	2,758.8	1,141.2	977.4	64.6	1,697.5	1,017.8	1,239.3	2,613.8	11,510.4	
Feb.	2,754.1	1,152.1	984.6	66.1	1,700.5	1,008.3	1,237.6	2,596.8	11,500.0	
Mar.	2,761.1	1,166.5	1,011.0	75.3	1,709.4	993.3	1,236.9	2,593.1	11,546.6	
Apr.	2,772.4	1,179.2	1,030.5	76.7	1,720.5	982.9	1,239.2	2,598.8	11,600.3	
May	2,790.1	1,192.6	1,048.9	74.7	1,730.4	969.7	1,257.2	2,638.9	11,702.6	
June	2,804.0	1,215.6	1,078.4	78.9	1,752.9	965.9	1,277.1	2,647.6	11,820.5	
1978-79 -										
July	2,809.2	1,227.9	1,073.6	73.3	1,761.1	945.5	1,304.5	2,695.8	11,891.0	
Aug.	2,826.2	1,239.9	1,077.6	77.1	1,771.7	938.4	1,298.5	2,742.8	11,972.1	
Sept.	2,840.4	1,251.2	1,087.1	80.3	1,782.6	925.4	1,308.0	2,754.0	12,028.9	
STATES - AUGUST 1978										
N.S.W.	996.5	490.0	388.2	(a)	439.1	299.8	383.8	1,118.5	4,115.9	
Vic.	605.9	379.4	337.5	(a)	342.8	301.7	297.5	963.1	3,228.3	
Qld	475.3	169.8	145.5	(a)	516.6	123.2	267.1	278.4	1,975.8	
S.A. (b)	266.4	96.0	98.4	(a)	247.9	76.6	110.9	83.1	979.2	
W.A.	308.5	53.7	150.6	-	166.4	96.7	173.5	132.0	1,081.4	
Tas.	104.4	21.2	23.6	-	4.8	13.6	31.4	7.0	205.9	
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	-	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	
A.C.T.	69.2	29.8	10.8	-	54.1	26.8	34.5	160.4	385.6	
STATES - SEPTEMBER 1978										
N.S.W.	1,003.9	494.5	392.1	(a)	441.1	292.2	390.4	1,105.5	4,119.6	
Vic.	605.3	382.5	343.8	(a)	344.2	300.0	297.1	979.8	3,252.7	
Qld	478.7	171.7	147.2	(a)	522.6	120.7	268.1	280.5	1,989.6	
S.A. (b)	268.4	96.3	98.0	(a)	246.9	73.5	110.7	82.1	975.9	
W.A.	310.9	54.7	152.6	-	169.6	97.7	175.3	124.5	1,085.3	
Tas.	104.0	21.7	23.1	-	4.9	13.4	32.6	6.9	206.6	
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	-	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	
A.C.T.	69.3	29.8	10.7	-	53.2	28.0	33.7	174.5	399.2	

(a) Not available separately; included in 'wholesale finance'. (b) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

FINANCE COMPANIES : OTHER TRANSACTIONS
(\$ million)

Period	<i>Leasing of business plant and equipment</i>		<i>Bills of exchange</i>			<i>Liquidity placements</i>	<i>Loans to non-finance companies in group</i>
	<i>Value of goods newly leased during period</i>	<i>Value of all leasing agreements at end of period</i>	<i>Amounts paid for bills acquired during period</i>	<i>Amounts received for bills disposed of during period</i>	<i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i>	<i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i>	<i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i>
AUSTRALIA							
1975-76	1,016.4	1,923.8	4,179.6	4,057.4	658.6	334.2	259.5
1976-77	1,410.0	2,737.1	5,421.3	5,309.5	718.2	272.5	302.9
1977-78	1,789.2	3,785.5	6,443.1	6,277.5	842.6	299.6	317.4
1977-78 -							
Aug.	135.0	2,913.9	674.7	682.8	741.1	343.4	327.9
Sept.	132.6	2,967.6	637.0	644.2	734.0	284.5	341.6
Oct.	129.1	3,036.7	593.7	575.4	752.4	344.6	290.8
Nov.	142.7	3,146.4	484.2	477.8	717.9	376.7	301.1
Dec.	147.3	3,228.4	596.1	574.8	739.3	497.0	307.5
Jan.	112.4	3,267.1	488.6	513.7	714.2	500.5	348.2
Feb.	128.8	3,333.8	469.7	456.2	727.5	499.3	332.8
Mar.	153.3	3,409.6	411.3	460.6	678.2	540.5	358.0
Apr.	147.4	3,496.1	329.4	340.5	667.2	531.4	373.2
May	185.2	3,601.6	604.5	488.8	782.8	357.8	591.7
June	241.1	3,785.5	583.7	523.8	842.6	299.6	317.4
1978-79 -							
July	185.2	3,892.2	588.3	694.3	736.7	415.6	360.3
Aug.	182.9	3,990.9	515.2	530.0	723.1	315.6	295.8
Sept.	163.4	4,070.3	457.0	451.0	729.2	421.5	299.4
STATES - AUGUST 1978							
N.S.W.	61.4	1,293.3					
Vic.	54.0	1,201.4					
Qld	29.8	657.1					
S.A.(a)	14.4	333.8					
W.A.	17.7	371.1			Not available		
Tas.	3.1	67.6					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.5	66.6					
STATES - SEPTEMBER 1978							
N.S.W.	58.8	1,330.1					
Vic.	42.4	1,215.6					
Qld	28.3	669.1					
S.A.(a)	14.4	341.3					
W.A.	14.4	377.0			Not available		
Tas.	2.6	69.4					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.6	67.9					

(a) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES : LOANS APPROVED DURING MONTH (\$'000)

To individuals for						
Period	Construction of dwellings	Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Purchase of established dwellings	Total	Alterations and additions	Other purposes
AUSTRALIA						
1977-78						
Oct.	19,449	23,999	90,556	134,004	2,997	8,338
Nov.	19,043	26,259	98,538	143,840	2,795	6,031
Dec.	17,939	21,804	87,226	126,969	2,461	4,194
Jan.	17,998	18,918	82,454	119,370	2,466	2,782
Feb.	17,324	22,536	93,788	133,648	2,632	3,314
Mar.	17,784	20,811	92,977	131,572	2,527	3,214
Apr.	19,275	20,237	87,085	126,597	2,258	5,613
May	21,285	24,634	101,224	147,143	2,624	6,078
June	21,717	23,517	92,075	137,309	2,903	5,973
1978-79						
July	23,382	24,552	97,986	145,920	3,034	6,225
Aug.	25,106	78,146	113,150	166,402	3,602	8,079
Sept.	22,492	27,904	110,312	160,708	3,604	4,317
Oct.	23,827	29,734	120,257	173,818	3,668	6,442
Nov.	27,118	30,907	133,031	191,056	3,635	6,612
STATES - NOVEMBER 1978						
N.S.W.	7,118	11,549	50,900	69,567	1,395	804
Vic.	3,814	8,592	28,463	40,869	418	1,604
Qld.	5,096	5,304	20,460	30,860	358	1,161
S.A.	610	1,036	10,421	12,067	361	487
W.A.	9,501	1,943	17,158	28,602	644	1,833
Tas.	475	280	2,441	3,196	248	723
A.C.T. and N.T.	504	2,203	3,188	5,895	211	—

PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES : SUMMARY OF MONTHLY OPERATIONS (\$'000)

Period	Loans advanced during month to individuals	Cancellations during month of loans previously approved to individuals	Loans approved but not advanced at end of month to individuals	Amount owing by borrowers at end of month	Paid-up share capital at end of month	Other borrowings by Societies at end of month	
						Unsecured	Secured
AUSTRALIA							
1977-78							
Oct.	142,299	8,285	298,876	5,448,700	4,913,981	1,464,134	267,510
Nov.	148,128	9,644	287,739	5,546,547	5,017,877	1,484,616	276,939
Dec.	156,408	8,068	252,693	5,639,154	5,121,709	1,532,263	248,237
Jan.	94,844	6,731	273,484	5,695,420	5,217,341	1,565,408	247,451
Feb.	126,209	6,535	277,109	5,775,486	5,274,622	1,592,072	250,259
Mar.	131,299	6,891	273,005	5,845,324	5,270,306	1,579,230	272,859
Apr.	124,157	6,734	270,969	5,916,720	5,288,102	1,577,524	278,772
May	147,924	6,793	266,019	5,997,256	5,396,199	1,583,835	296,995
June	138,444	6,753	261,840	6,073,941	5,469,392	1,622,834	313,859
1978-79							
July	132,628	6,165	271,785	6,150,491	5,593,988	1,652,437	309,767
Aug.	149,755	6,350	300,209	6,239,968	5,708,423	1,704,676	306,434
Sept.	145,695	5,748	313,180	6,326,578	5,833,249	1,751,410	301,228
Oct.	157,601	7,689	325,369	6,426,100	5,977,230	1,804,974	296,586
Nov.	175,067	6,885	338,011	6,543,465	6,134,244	1,838,697	296,989
STATES - NOVEMBER 1978							
N.S.W.	65,794	3,094	155,573	2,609,818	3,370,079	11,928	60,162
Vic.	37,737	1,773	67,820	1,258,646	419,291	1,143,225	13,688
Qld.	23,901	783	35,468	850,045	926,632	56,074	18,023
S.A.	10,394	166	15,610	311,826	369,402	9,145	16,568
W.A.	30,336	662	48,532	1,218,715	802,125	528,314	153,243
Tas.	2,884	130	6,127	124,517	123,053	39,024	1,996
A.C.T. and N.T.	4,021	277	8,881	169,898	123,662	50,987	33,309

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : NEW POLICIES ISSUED, PREMIUMS RECEIVED AND CLAIMS, ETC., PAID

Period	New policies issued (excluding annuities) (a)						Premiums received (b)			Claims, etc., paid (c)			New loans paid over (e)
	Ordinary business		Industrial business		Superannuation business (d)		Ordinary	Industrial	Superannuation (d)	Ordinary	Industrial	Superannuation (d)	
	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured							
	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
1975-76	467.1	8,407.7	10.2	193.2	120.4	7,487.2	791.6	56.7	617.5	491.7	50.5	329.1	204.0
1976-77	468.8	10,167.2	5.7	186.8	117.7	8,093.1	804.3	55.9	703.5	545.0	55.6	403.5	257.8
1977-78	465.8	11,318.8	46.1	210.6	105.1	9,156.5	848.0	55.1	858.6	612.8	52.4	456.9	251.4
1977-78 -													
Aug.	45.3	1,041.0	5.2	19.4	11.3	745.2	68.1	4.8	58.8	52.0	5.6	37.7	20.4
Sept.	41.3	958.4	4.3	16.3	10.2	1,122.7	67.7	4.8	66.8	52.0	3.9	34.9	20.5
Oct.	39.6	944.7	5.0	19.8	8.6	670.3	65.4	4.3	64.5	47.2	5.5	32.3	19.8
Nov.	40.8	983.9	3.9	18.5	9.2	1,101.8	68.1	5.4	64.7	49.8	5.5	38.7	18.7
Dec.	38.0	1,085.2	2.3	9.0	2.6	982.7	66.6	7.3	65.0	46.9	4.1	40.5	22.5
Jan.	23.0	577.0	0.8	3.3	4.6	386.5	60.8	0.8	65.6	34.7	2.5	32.8	12.8
Feb.	32.4	844.3	3.4	17.8	6.2	491.8	64.4	4.6	73.8	45.3	3.6	34.3	19.3
Mar.	35.9	871.8	3.6	21.7	7.0	658.2	65.4	4.8	62.8	47.8	3.9	38.4	33.3
Apr.	39.9	922.7	3.7	21.7	8.2	640.4	69.6	4.0	106.2	48.2	3.9	33.4	20.6
May	44.8	1,051.5	5.1	27.5	6.1	775.6	79.9	4.2	79.9	61.3	4.9	44.4	21.1
June	44.2	1,105.8	3.9	20.2	10.1	829.7	93.3	4.8	79.1	73.7	4.3	47.2	22.5
1978-79 -													
July	41.6	1,048.4	4.2	22.1	9.0	1,019.4	77.5	4.0	78.4	59.8	4.1	59.5	30.8
Aug.	45.0	1,127.0	2.9	16.7	9.3	664.2	73.9	4.8	66.4	58.9	4.8	46.1	31.6
Sept.	43.0	1,053.3	2.9	17.1	10.0	1,081.8	69.5	3.9	72.4	54.4	4.1	40.2	23.2

(a) Relates to periods during which policies were recorded in company registers, which may be subsequent to periods in which written. (b) Includes consideration for annuities. (c) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (d) Includes investment linked superannuation business. (e) Includes advances of premiums.

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : SELECTED ASSETS HELD IN AUSTRALIA (a) BY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES (\$ million)

At end of	Loans (b)					Investments			
	On mortgage			On policies	Other	Govt. securities	Local and semi-govt. securities	Debentures and notes	Shares
	Fixed assets	Housing	Other incl. rural						
June 1976	2,115.3	487.1	821.8	279.5	62.7	2,108.3	861.1	936.4	1,595.1
June 1977	2,364.6	499.8	795.8	287.7	77.5	2,327.8	908.9	915.1	1,791.9
June 1978	2,709.3	502.4	782.7	297.3	105.4	2,559.8	1,061.2	939.5	2,009.0
1976-77									
Mar.	2,336.5	495.9	806.3	280.9	69.7	2,276.6	898.5	927.5	1,751.6
June	2,364.6	499.8	795.8	287.7	77.5	2,327.8	908.9	915.1	1,791.9
1977-78									
Sept.	2,427.1	515.0	780.1	288.7	77.7	2,416.8	954.3	922.9	1,821.2
Dec.	2,573.2	505.4	792.5	292.0	85.4	2,507.8	995.5	920.2	1,901.4
Mar.	2,642.5	505.6	787.8	294.9	103.4	2,504.8	1,043.7	934.1	1,971.1
June	2,709.3	502.4	782.7	297.3	105.4	2,559.8	1,061.2	939.5	2,009.0

(a) Items shown are the balances according to the companies' ledgers as at the date at which the information was supplied without adjustment for any accrued or outstanding interest or other items which had not been brought into account as at that date. (b) Excludes advances of premiums.

**HOUSING FINANCE : VALUE OF LOANS APPROVED TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR PURCHASE OF DWELLINGS,
BY TYPE OF LENDER — AUSTRALIA
(\$'000)**

Month	Banks		Building societies		Government			Credit unions	Insurance companies	Total
	Savings	Trading	Permanent	Term-financing	Finance companies	Housing authorities	Other			
HOUSES										
1977-78										
Sept.	151,653	41,654	145,929	23,536	22,282	21,608	2,536	1,665	9,849	420,712
Oct.	156,092	45,471	117,689	30,959	24,632	21,482	3,898	1,669	11,571	413,463
Nov.	177,790	65,265	125,860	26,616	25,415	24,758	4,177	1,333	11,650	482,864
Dec.	141,583	39,230	110,439	19,386	22,095	20,923	2,765	1,003	10,075	367,499
Jan.	165,139	50,432	105,823	16,150	19,833	19,424	2,864	1,171	7,786	388,622
Feb.	171,819	60,927	118,196	18,436	22,968	21,353	3,064	2,199	11,631	430,593
Mar.	181,592	65,142	115,710	16,379	25,595	18,021	3,499	1,541	11,908	439,387
Apr.	167,375	53,559	113,978	19,346	25,035	15,297	3,184	1,631	11,437	410,842
May	198,440	62,733	130,155	20,238	29,513	17,437	4,253	2,028	13,386	478,183
June	165,698	50,390	123,745	13,278	28,518	15,854	3,732	1,946	10,562	413,723
1978-79										
July	165,248	52,492	129,462	8,704	27,129	14,558	2,726	3,356	12,842	416,517
Aug.	190,860	65,410	149,402	10,330	27,860	15,560	5,081	3,976	13,451	481,930
Sept.	193,409	58,058	143,078	7,497	26,265	14,651	4,105	4,076	13,192	464,331
Oct.	200,444	57,998	155,600	17,620	27,007	17,947	3,571	3,921	11,870	495,978
OTHER DWELLINGS										
1977-78										
Sept.	8,893	3,804	20,160	2,335	1,325	1,235	163	103	581	38,599
Oct.	8,973	3,274	16,315	1,331	1,138	714	183	158	632	33,218
Nov.	9,980	4,534	17,980	1,183	2,166	458	191	113	472	37,077
Dec.	7,579	3,012	16,530	824	2,620	804	126	271	371	32,137
Jan.	6,896	2,936	13,547	867	2,098	590	60	59	485	27,538
Feb.	11,099	4,127	15,452	1,081	1,709	722	268	263	468	35,189
Mar.	11,205	4,562	15,862	884	3,075	567	145	206	712	37,218
Apr.	9,607	3,596	12,619	937	2,942	720	130	94	763	31,408
May	11,802	5,623	16,986	1,071	2,308	868	268	224	1,005	39,857
June	9,914	3,492	13,564	936	2,578	500	169	197	2,791	34,141
1978-79										
July	9,866	4,982	16,458	464	2,375	730	27	288	1,034	36,224
Aug.	12,209	5,135	17,000	1,234	3,040	1,120	74	574	1,060	41,446
Sept.	10,984	4,675	17,630	673	3,433	804	203	383	698	39,483
Oct.	11,697	5,147	18,103	1,630	3,414	218	189	345	751	41,494
TOTAL										
1977-78										
Sept.	160,546	45,458	166,089	25,871	23,607	22,843	2,699	1,768	10,430	459,311
Oct.	165,065	48,745	134,004	32,290	26,270	22,196	4,081	1,827	12,203	446,681
Nov.	207,770	69,799	143,840	27,799	27,581	25,216	4,368	1,446	12,122	519,941
Dec.	149,162	42,242	126,969	20,210	24,715	21,727	2,891	1,274	10,446	399,636
Jan.	172,035	53,368	119,370	17,017	21,931	20,014	2,924	1,230	8,271	416,160
Feb.	182,918	65,054	133,648	19,517	24,677	22,075	3,532	2,462	12,099	465,782
Mar.	192,797	69,704	131,572	17,263	28,670	18,588	3,644	1,747	12,620	476,605
Apr.	176,982	57,155	126,597	20,283	27,977	16,017	3,314	1,725	12,200	442,250
May	209,942	68,356	147,143	21,309	31,821	18,305	4,521	2,252	14,391	518,040
June	175,612	53,882	137,309	14,214	31,096	16,354	3,901	2,143	13,553	447,864
1978-79										
July	175,114	57,474	145,920	9,168	29,504	15,288	2,753	3,644	13,876	452,741
Aug.	203,069	70,545	166,402	11,564	30,900	16,680	5,155	4,550	14,511	523,376
Sept.	204,393	62,733	160,708	8,170	29,698	15,455	4,308	4,459	13,890	503,814
Oct.	212,141	63,145	177,703	19,250	30,421	18,165	3,760	4,266	12,621	537,472

SHORT TERM MONEY MARKET
SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF AUTHORISED DEALERS AND RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS
(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia)

Asset holdings (face value)													
Month	Liabilities to clients			Commonwealth Government securities			Com- mercial bills	Trading Banks certifi- cates of deposit	Interest rates on loans accepted during month				Weighted average interest rates on loans out- standing (a)
	All Trading Banks	Other clients	Total	Treasury notes					At call		For fixed periods		
				Treasury notes	Other	Total			Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	
Average of weekly figures - \$ million							per cent per annum						
June 1975	167.4	558.7	726.1	479.2	134.1	613.3	83.7	47.9	1.50	14.10	3.00	11.50	6.72
June 1976	182.3	636.1	818.4	53.3	696.4	749.7	129.2	61.3	2.00	14.00	4.50	9.50	8.03
June 1977	144.8	701.5	846.3	54.6	774.9	829.5	129.8	21.6	3.00	15.30	5.00	13.80	9.33
1977-78 -													
Oct.	166.0	992.3	1,158.3	30.3	1,065.1	1,095.4	113.1	19.0	1.60	17.60	2.50	12.60	8.79
Nov.	254.1	947.7	1,201.8	41.9	1,107.2	1,149.1	118.8	15.6	1.00	18.35	2.00	11.80	9.46
Dec. (b)	184.8	963.7	1,148.5	46.2	1,069.2	1,115.4	137.0	14.5	2.00	18.85	4.00	14.00	8.99
Jan.	227.7	1,071.3	1,299.0	49.2	1,141.7	1,190.9	118.5	5.2	2.50	18.45	5.00	11.60	8.65
Feb.	220.3	1,149.8	1,370.1	78.4	1,201.4	1,279.8	114.1	6.1	1.00	18.80	3.00	11.10	8.32
Mar.	212.8	1,097.1	1,309.9	52.0	1,160.0	1,212.0	111.5	7.8	2.00	18.30	5.00	11.01	8.15
Apr.	239.1	1,009.2	1,248.3	94.9	1,046.8	1,141.7	115.2	6.5	1.00	17.80	2.50	10.80	7.84
May	260.4	928.4	1,188.8	55.8	1,069.3	1,125.1	128.3	8.5	2.00	18.75	1.00	11.25	9.10
June	190.9	1,088.5	1,279.4	57.9	1,085.6	1,143.5	153.5	15.8	0.50	18.85	3.00	11.50	9.05
1978-79 -													
July	215.2	1,090.1	1,305.3	90.7	1,095.9	1,186.6	148.8	20.6	2.00	18.95	2.10	12.10	8.91
Aug.	259.5	1,041.8	1,301.3	179.8	1,036.9	1,216.7	160.6	17.1	2.00	18.65	6.60	11.65	9.09
Sept.	358.9	1,105.8	1,464.7	179.6	1,188.7	1,368.3	157.8	16.0	1.00	19.15	5.50	12.80	9.27
Oct.	280.1	1,209.3	1,489.4	92.6	1,303.4	1,396.0	139.7	17.7	1.50	19.65	3.60	12.91	9.74
Nov.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1,413.5	121.3	1,217.4	1,338.7	101.0	10.4	1.50	18.85	3.00	10.80	8.11

(a) To June 1975, weighted average on clients' loans outstanding on each Wednesday of the month. From July 1975, weighted average of rates paid on all days of the four or five weeks ending on the last Wednesday of the month. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

OFFICIAL RESERVE ASSETS (a)
(\$ million)

End of period	Gold	Special Drawing Rights	Reserve position in the I.M.F.	Foreign exchange			Total (b)	
				US \$	Other	Total	Original	Seasonally adjusted
June 1975	238	89	156	2,252	758	3,010	3,493	3,399
June 1976	749	37	155	1,457	688	2,145	3,086	3,023
June 1977	947	27	174	1,312	851	2,164	3,312	3,254
1977-78 -								
Sept.	1,013	25	174	763	844	1,607	2,820	2,844
Oct.	1,061	25	174	874	865	1,739	3,000	3,029
Nov.	1,079	23	175	780	881	1,661	2,938	2,962
Dec.	1,076	23	177	683	919	1,603	2,879	2,898
Jan.	1,164	29	177	67	924	1,491	2,861	2,927
Feb.	1,199	135	179	41	953	1,435	2,948	2,939
Mar.	1,229	123	180	792	939	1,731	3,262	3,265
Apr.	1,180	122	179	827	925	1,747	3,229	3,172
May	1,193	120	179	736	960	1,690	3,182	3,139
June	1,225	113	179	727	982	1,708	3,225	3,183
1978-79 -								
July	1,250	114	181	746	1,002	1,748	3,293	3,238
Aug.	1,370	112	184	626	1,023	1,649	3,315	3,353
Sept.	1,403	113	184	544	1,031	1,575	3,274	3,300
Oct.	1,463	116	189	539	1,023	1,561	3,328	3,356

(a) Up to 30 June 1974, SDR and IMF credit tranche are valued on the basis of Australia's official parity established with the IMF; subsequent figures are based on the IMF basket valuation for the SDR, which is published in terms of U.S. dollars, crossed with the representative rate for the Australian dollar in terms of the U.S. dollar. Gold is valued at the Reserve Bank buying price up to the end of January 1976; from February 1976 to end May 1976 gold price is the average London gold price for the month, converted to Australian dollars at the derived SDR/£A rate; subsequently, the basis of valuation is the average IMF official price in SDR's converted to Australian dollars at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. Since June 1973, the foreign currency value of all other overseas assets has been based, where applicable, on market quotations; accrued interest is normally taken into account; figures for earlier periods are on a historical cost basis. Conversion to Australian dollar equivalent is based on market rates of exchange. (b) Changes in the value of holdings of official reserve assets reflect both balance of payments transactions and valuation effects arising from changes in exchange rates.

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT SHORT-TERM DEBT AND BANK BALANCES
(\$ million)

<i>End of period</i>	<i>Treasury bills</i>	<i>Treasury notes</i>	<i>Bank balances</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>End of period</i>	<i>Treasury bills</i>	<i>Treasury notes</i>	<i>Bank balances</i>	<i>Total</i>
June -					1977-78 -				
1975	..	2,076.0	765.0	1,311.0	May	1,600.0	460.2	94.1	1,966.1
1976	850.0	456.5	469.4	837.1	June	1,500.0	363.1	339.2	1,523.9
1977	1,300.0	369.6	442.0	1,227.6	1978-79 -				
1977-78 -					July	2,000.0	516.5	205.7	2,310.8
Oct.	2,300.0	446.1	103.7	2,642.4	Aug.	1,800.0	763.8	142.7	2,421.1
Nov.	2,400.0	472.4	93.0	2,779.4	Sept.	2,200.0	803.0	211.7	2,791.3
Dec.	2,900.0	560.6	127.2	3,333.4	Oct.	2,700.0	816.4	127.9	3,388.5
Jan.	2,900.0	789.2	61.4	3,627.8	Nov.	2,200.0	1,122.0	192.90/D	3,514.9
Feb.	2,800.0	989.2	53.0	3,736.2					
Mar.	3,300.0	979.0	135.9	4,143.1					
Apr.	2,400.0	777.2	71.7	3,105.5					

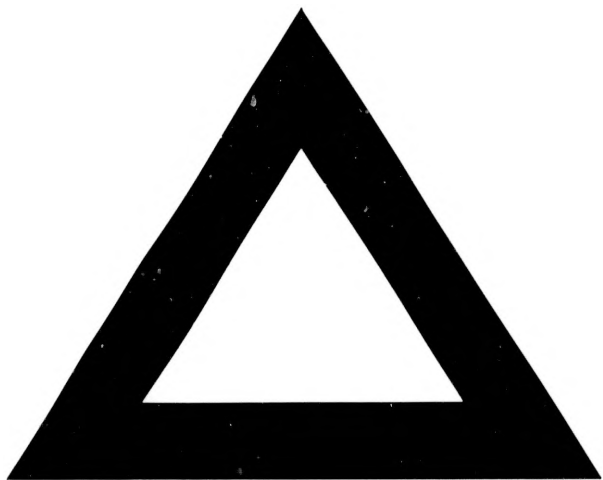
COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT AND STATE FINANCE (a): CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS

NOTE: This table is based on information published in monthly statements issued by the Commonwealth Treasury and each State Treasury.

(\$ million)

<i>Period</i>	<i>N.S.W. (b)</i>	<i>Vic. (c)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Six States</i>	<i>Commonwealth Government</i>
REVENUE								
1975-76	2,909.1	2,155.8	1,349.5	1,037.0	950.9	322.1	8,724.4	19,712.3
1976-77	3,403.7	2,528.9	1,610.5	1,174.0	1,144.5	396.6	10,258.4	21,435.4
1977-78	3,801.5	2,859.8	1,816.0	1,167.2	1,311.2	444.3	11,399.9	23,452.8
1977-78 -								
July-June	3,801.5	2,859.8	1,816.0	1,167.2	1,311.2	444.3	11,399.9	23,452.8
1978-79 -								
July	312.2	255.3	147.3	86.9	104.6	34.0	940.3	1,419.7
July-Aug.	641.8	512.8	301.8	181.4	211.7	69.3	1,918.8	3,413.9
July-Sept.	953.3	731.5	454.2	296.2	329.5	116.8	2,881.5	4,866.0
July-Oct.	1,292.7	960.0	612.4	386.4	439.6	154.5	3,845.6	6,363.7
July-Nov.	n.y.a.	1,200.5	789.4	489.4	544.4	188.0	n.y.a.	8,505.7
EXPENDITURE								
1975-76	2,910.1	2,143.7	1,348.8	1,034.7	950.3	317.9	8,705.5	19,712.3
1976-77	3,404.2	2,519.8	1,611.6	1,183.2	1,141.1	395.0	10,254.9	21,435.4
1977-78	3,802.2	2,859.5	1,816.9	1,192.1	1,311.2	450.7	11,432.5	23,452.8
1977-78 -								
July-June	3,802.2	2,859.5	1,816.9	1,192.1	1,311.2	450.7	11,432.5	23,452.8
1978-79 -								
July	226.0	260.7	128.2	102.5	89.6	33.7	840.7	2,368.7
July-Aug.	625.0	542.5	257.1	218.5	223.6	83.5	1,950.2	4,842.6
July-Sept.	904.7	716.9	398.3	295.9	327.4	119.2	2,762.4	7,090.8
July-Oct.	1,217.3	980.3	560.9	387.0	435.3	154.3	3,735.1	9,157.1
July-Nov.	n.y.a.	1,230.0	728.4	511.3	561.9	197.0	n.y.a.	11,333.9

(a) Aggregates for the six States and the Commonwealth Government together, as obtained from particulars in this table, contain duplications due to State payments to the Commonwealth Government in respect of payroll tax before October 1971 and Commonwealth Government payments to the States of grants for specific and general purposes. (b) Figures for New South Wales represent combined transactions of consolidated revenue fund and trading enterprises (Public Transport Commission and Maritime Services Board) included in annual Budget papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (c) Figures for Victoria cover the Victorian Consolidated Fund excluding the Works and Services section.



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